

# LIVE *for a* C·H·A·N·G·E

Part H – Help Others Know God  
2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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The church is the only entity which exists primarily for those who aren't yet a part of it.

No church is really being the church and no Christian is really being the Christian that God has called us to be unless we are looking outside of ourselves to reach those who do not yet know God.

Life Change Assessment ([www.sugarcreek.net/lifechange](http://www.sugarcreek.net/lifechange))

1. WE HAVE BEEN RESCUED. WE HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
  - A. We are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
    1. *2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (NIV)*
    2. As a new creation, we have a new friendship with God.
  - B. We have become an Ambassador for Christ.
    1. *2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." (NIV)*
    2. An ambassador means a high ranking representative of a king or president who represents his / her boss to someone outside of his kingdom.

3. As ambassadors we have been given a new **ministry**.
  - a. *2 Corinthians 5:18* “All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry** of reconciliation...” (NIV)
  - b. Who do you know who is far **away** from God? A family member, extended family, a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend? A total stranger God brings along your path? These are the ones to whom God wants us to share our story.
  - c. Our Story has three parts:
    1. What were we like **before** we received Christ as our Savior?
    2. How did we receive Christ as our Savior?
    3. What has God done in our life **since** we received Christ as our Savior?
  - d. *2 Corinthians 5:14-15* “For Christ’s love **compels** us, because we are convinced that One died for all and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.” (NIV)
    1. *1 Corinthians 3:6-7* “I (Paul) planted the seed, Apollos watered it, **but God** made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”
    2. As ambassadors we been given the **message** of reconciliation.

## 2. THE THREE **CIRCLES** APPROACH TO SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

*2 Corinthians 5:21* “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (NIV)

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