Consider It

What was Paul's ambition in life (5:9-10)?

What three factors served to motivate Paul's service as an Ambassador of Christ?

- 5:11
- **5**:1
- 6:2

When or how should we be motivated the fear of the Lord, the love of Christ, or the urgency of the hour?

What do we learn about Christ's death (5:14-15)?

What is true about every Christ-follower (5:17-19)?

Why was it necessary for Christ to die in order for us to be reconciled to God?

How did God use events, people and His word to accomplish His reconciliation with you?

What does it mean for us to be Ambassadors of Christ (5:18-20)? What is our ministry? What is our message?

To whom are you an ambassador?

What fuels the Paul's urgency (6:1-2)?

In what ways do people receive the grace of God in vain?

Live It

What is one way you can represent Christ to another this week?

How can you be a better steward of the grace of God (1 Peter 4:10-11)?

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Ambassadors of Christ 2 Corinthians 5:9 – 6:2 Sunday, September 29, 2019

Sermon Sentence

God has appointed you as an Ambassador of Christ, follow Paul's example and represent Christ effectively.

By Focusing Your Ambition

By Monitoring Your Motivations

Fear

Love

Time

By Fulfilling Your Ministry

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Open It

If the President were to offer you an appointment as an Ambassador where would you like to serve and why?

Read It

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1} As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 (NIV)