

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP
15-20 March 2026
“PERFECTING HOLINESS” 2 Corinthians 7:1

EVENING DEVOTIONS
Text: 2 Corinthians 5
Title: “Ministry of Reconciliation” 2 Corinthians 5:18

Sunday, 15 March 2026

INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministry of Reconciliation

- a) Romans 4-8
 - i) Personal reconciliation
 - ii) Through genuine faith
 - iii) Genuine faith as exemplified by Abraham Romans 4
 - iv) Great ramification of being justified by faith
- b) Ephesians
 - i) God’s great plan revealed
 - ii) The formation of the Church
 - iii) The healing of the Great Divide between Jews and Gentiles
 - iv) The Mission of the Church
- c) 2 Corinthians 5
 - i) God is the Reconciler
 - ii) This Ministry of Reconciliation has been entrusted to us
 - iii) Our focus is become “a new creation”
 - iv) Where old things are passed away and all things have become new

2. The work of Reconciliation in Summary

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- a) A new creation in a person
 - i) The old ways are no more
 - ii) All things have become new
 - iii) This requires a Perfecting work
- b) God's personal involvement and work
This is Phase One
 - i) He has Reconciled all to Himself
 - ii) This is done through the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) The Ministry of Reconciliation
 - i) This has been given to us
 - ii) We have a Ministry of Reconciliation to fulfil
 - iii) This is the Mission of the Church
 - iv) This is the mission of those who are spiritually mature
- d) Phase Two of the Ministry of Reconciliation
 - i) This text describes the extent of the Ministry of Reconciliation
 - ii) God seeks to reconcile the world to Himself
 - iii) He will not impute iniquity on the world if it turns to Him in repentance

- iv) God has not just given us a Ministry, He has also given us the word of reconciliation
- e) Ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ
 - i) God is pleading through His ambassadors
 - ii) The plea to the world - "Be reconciled to God"
 - iii) The Ambassador for the Lord must learn how to speak for the Lord effectively
 - iv) Our focus is on the Lord Jesus Christ who knew no sin
 - v) Yet, He became our Sin Bearer
 - vi) The righteousness of God is imputed to us through our Saviour

AN IMPORTANT PROPHECY

⁵ "And now the LORD says,
 Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant,
 To bring Jacob back to Him,
 So that Israel is gathered to Him
 (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD,
 And My God shall be My strength),

⁶ Indeed He says,
 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
 To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
 And to restore the preserved ones of Israel;
 I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles,
 That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
 The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One,
 To Him whom man despises,
 To Him whom the nation abhors,
 To the Servant of rulers:
 "Kings shall see and arise,
 Princes also shall worship,
 Because of the LORD who is faithful,
 The Holy One of Israel;
 And He has chosen You."

Isaiah 49:5-7

1. The Lord Jesus is called and chosen to be God's Servant

2. A major task entrusted

- a) To bring Jacob back to God
- b) To gather Israel
- c) To raise up the tribes of Jacob
- d) To restore the preserved ones in Israel

3. Difficulties to be expected

- a) Some will despise
- b) Others will abhor

4. The Persevering Spirit of the Servant of God

- a) Will be glorious in God's sight
- b) God will be His Strength
- c) He will be Light to all who are in darkness
- d) To be the Salvation to the ends of the earth
- e) To fulfil God's Task because He has been specially Chosen

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To understand and appreciate the Ministry of Reconciliation
2. To share the Word of Reconciliation meaningfully
3. To embrace this Ministry of Reconciliation
4. To learn how to be faithful servants of God
5. To reach the world with God's Word of Reconciliation
6. To be good and effective Ambassadors for the Lord requires Perfecting work