

Highest Call **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Main Idea: True Christians have a true calling as God's Ambassadors!

Purpose: You would be encouraged to live out your true identity as new creatures in Christ, missionaries by calling!

Overview, Specifics and Cross References:

(*Ephesians 2:1-4*; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 5:10; Colossians 2:13-14; Isaiah 1:18; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Peter 3:18; *Matthew 4:19*; *John 17:18-20*; *John 16:7-8*, *Matthew 9:36-38*; John 1:29)

Encouraging **Take-aways** and Misconceptions (Joy Robbers):

1. God is continually drawing and saving in your world!

-The Corinthians (5:17-18); Acts 18:8-11; *John 6:44*; Revelation 7:9

Misconception/Joy Robber: "People aren't open!" *John 6:41-47*

2. You are called and empowered as God's Representative!

-The Corinthians (5:17-21 pronouns); *Acts 1:8*

Misconception/Joy Robber: "God won't use me.

It's not my gift." *John 12:32*

3. Your growth will intensify your passion for Jesus' mission!

-The Corinthians (5:18-20); *1 Peter 2:9-10*

Misconception/Joy Robber: "Simply being biblically well-informed equates to maturity or Jesus' likeness." *James 1:19-24*

***Where and how does this intersect with your life today?**

***What might God do in and through us if we embraced this message?**

Application Questions:

1. Why do you think God has included this passage in the Scriptures?
2. What difference should this make, as a believer, in your life?
3. What implications does this message have for your non-christian friends and family?
4. How does this message intersect the need for overseas missionaries in unreached areas of our world? How does The Bridge's ministry of *Shepherding The Nations (STN)* factor in with this message?
5. What are some of the greatest obstacles to you embracing this message and seeing it become more of reality within your sphere of influence?
6. How might you practically address these obstacles...today?
7. What are some of the God-given resources He has provided you in order for you to grow as God's ambassador or representative in your world?
8. What is one or two things you would appreciate prayer as you seek to apply this message?