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2 Corinthians 5:11-21
“A Pleading Church”

Summary:

In 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Paul continues to defend his apostolic ministry so that the Corinthians will not leave the true Gospel preached by true apostles for false apostles with another gospel. In these verses, Paul explains why he continues to plead with sinners to be reconciled to God, even when some are critical of his efforts. From these verses, we will see six reasons we ought to plead with sinners to be reconciled to God.

Outline:

1st Reason: We plead because we will be judged by Christ (2 Corinthians 5:11a).

2nd Reason: We plead because our hearts are sincere (2 Corinthians 5:11b-13).

3rd Reason: We plead because Christ's love liberates us from living for self (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

4th Reason: We plead because we have abandoned worldly misconceptions of success (2 Corinthians 5:16-17).

5th Reason: We plead because God is a reconciling God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

6th Reason: We plead because God has given us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).