

## 2 CORINTHIANS | REPRESENTING CHRIST

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21-10

Paul challenged the Corinthian church to be a people who walk by faith in Christ and not by sight, hoping in the things of this world. He reminded them that their earthly bodies were temporary and compared them with tents in relation to their heavenly body compared to permanent homes. He stressed that our eyes should be on our heavenly home but at the same time we should make the most of our present opportunities because we will all stand before Christ. With that in mind, Paul returns to his defense. He stresses how he is and ambassador or a representative of Christ. He lays out the theological underpinnings of his motivation, perspective, and mission. We are left with one of two challenges. If we have not been reconciled to God or are being led astray, we need to reconcile with God. If we have trusted Christ, we need to represent Him as Paul instructs. What are the characteristics of the representative of Christ?

1. Representatives of Christ are driven by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Representatives of Christ have received a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Representatives of Christ have been \_\_\_\_\_ to God and are given the mission to be \_\_\_\_\_.