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Sermon Notes for July 21st

“Caring Enough to Share”

“Silent Ambassadors???”

Sermon Text: **2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (p. 1228)**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 52:7-8 (p. 779)**;
Gospel Text: **Matthew 5:14-16 (p. 1029)**.

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (p. 1228)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17 (p. 1228)**.

What does it mean to be *in Christ*?

Describe how *the old has passed away and the new has come*.

2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:18 (p. 1228)**.

How did *Christ reconcile us to himself*?

To what ministry have all believers in Christ been called?

What might our unwillingness to share in this ministry indicate to the Lord?

3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:19 (p. 1228)**.

What is the very good news we get to share with people when we participate in the ministry of reconciliation?

Do you think most people would consider that good news?

Do you think most who had never heard this news would be anxious to receive it?

4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:20** (p. 1228).

In whose authority does an earthly ambassador labor?

Why would that be comforting to someone in that position?

In whose authority does an ambassador for Christ labor?

How should that make us feel if we seek to serve as Christ's ambassador?

How effective do you think a silent ambassador would be?

5. Read **2 Corinthians 5:21** (p. 1228).

In your own words, tell me what this verse is saying.

6. Read **Isaiah 52:7-8** (p. 779).

According to this passage, would you say you have *beautiful feet*? Explain.

If not, what could make them beautiful?

7. What will you remember most from this message?