

NOT A SINNER BUT MADE SIN

II Corinthians 5:14-21

INTRODUCTION: Many great truths that have to do with our redemption are given in these verses of Scripture. Instead of one message, or series of messages could be given here. Christ's work in reconciling the world unto God is the primary thought given here by Paul. In this message, we will see the ground work of this reconciliation. The text verse is verse 21.

I. CHRIST KNEW NO SIN.

1. This does not mean that He did not know what sin was.
2. Christ knew no sin in that He never disobeyed God and was therefore never guilty of transgression.
 - a. None could prove that He had sinned; John 8:46.
 - b. He came not to do His own will, but the will of His Father; Heb. 10:7.
3. He knew no sin in that He never committed sin. What a contrast between Him and us; I John 1:8.
4. He knew no sin in that He had no inbred sin.
 - a. Our nature comes from our father and Jesus had no earthly father. His nature is opposite of ours.
 - b. As a man, He could be tempted, but as God He could not sin.

II. HE WAS MADE SIN FOR US

1. The only way He could put away sin was by becoming sin for us; Heb. 9:26.
2. He became the scapegoat of Leviticus 16.
3. Here is revealed the great mystery of how a Holy God can justify a guilty sinner; II Cor. 5:17-19.
 - a. Jesus became our substitute.
 - b. Jesus was made an offering for sin; Isa. 53:10.

III. GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE IN ALL THIS.

1. That you and I might be made the righteousness of God in Christ.
 - a. By nature we do not have this righteousness.
 - b. This righteousness is found only in Christ.
2. We become new creatures in Him; II Cor. 5:17.
 - a. This is brought about in the new birth; John 3:3.
 - b. We have no righteousness of our own but are clothed with His righteousness.