

# Ambassador of Reconciliation

## Politicked - Part 3

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**As Americans we seem to have lost our ability to disagree and ...**

- still respect each other.
- still get along.
- have civil conversations.
- remain friends.
- find common ground.
- work together.
- solve problems together.
- stay united.

**It's possible to win the argument and lose the person.**

**What is more important? Parties or actual people? What does God care more about?**

**Those \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Hate is not a fruit of the Spirit.**

*"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)*

**Your enemy is not the person in the other political party.**

**Our enemy is Satan.**

*"<sup>14</sup>Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others... <sup>14</sup> ... Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. <sup>15</sup>He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! <sup>17</sup>This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup>And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. **And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.** <sup>19</sup>For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of **reconciliation.**" 2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-19 (NLT)*

**Reconcile = to reestablish proper friendly relations after they have been disrupted or broken**

<sup>20</sup>So we are Christ's *ambassadors* ... " 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

**The role of an ambassador:**

- **Go to a foreign land**
- **Live in, but not of**
- **Speak for the King**
- **Promote His agenda**

<sup>20</sup> ... God is making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

**God has chosen to share the Gospel with the world through you.  
You might be the only Bible some people ever read.**

**Heaven and hell are real and eternity is a loooooong time.**

<sup>20</sup>We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

**What is more important in life than helping people be reconciled to God?**

<sup>21</sup>For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)