



*Sunday Evening Message for October 1, 2017 by Ray Reynolds*

## ***Saints Can Find Hope In Reconciliation (II Corinthians 5)***

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. The letters we call “I & II Corinthians” are only part of Paul’s correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was well received. The “saints” of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. This chapter is about seeking reconciliation. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

### ***I. Temporary Things Are Destructive (vs.1-5)***

- We live in a temporary world (**Matthew 24:25**).
- We dwell in a temporary house (**Acts 17:24-25**).
- We have temporary knowledge (**I Corinthians 13:12**).
- We see temporary things (**II Corinthians 4:18**).

### ***II. Eternal Things Are Distinctive (vs.6-11)***

- We can live in an eternal world (**Matthew 7:13-14**).
- We can dwell in an eternal house (**John 14:1-3, Philippians 3:20-21**).
- We can have eternal knowledge (**I Corinthians 13:12**).
- We can see eternal things (**II Corinthians 5:7**).

### ***III. Wisdom Is Knowing the Difference (vs.12-21)***

- Wise people love reconciliation (**Matthew 18:15-17**).
- Wise people preach reconciliation (**Romans 10:14-15**).
- Wise people teach reconciliation (**II Timothy 2:2**).
- Wise people proclaim reconciliation (**I Peter 2:9-10**).

Conclusion: We need to put off the old self and become a new creation in Christ. We need to ignore our trespasses and except the forgiveness of God. **Romans 5:8** says, “*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” We need to have an eternal hope. We need to be reconciled to God. Are you ready to be filled with hope? We need to be reconciled to others. Will you share hope with others?