

**Series:** Gospel Culture

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

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**Title:** The Gospel Deployed: The Message and Mission of the Local Church

## **I. THE MESSAGE: God has reconciled a people to Himself through the His Son.**

### Jesus died the death we deserved

1. For all—Jesus' death was able to atone for the sin of his people
2. Therefore, all died – Romans 6:1-4

### Does this teach universalism?

- v15—“he died for all”
- can't be true, because it contradicts so much
- without exception (everyone) OR without distinction (all types of people)

### That those who live might no longer live for themselves

- Freed to pursue true joy!

### New creations in Christ

- *“I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am.”* –John Newton

## **II. THE MISSION: God sends the reconciled as ambassadors to the unreconciled.**

### Notice with that message (the gospel) when received, produces in those who receive it:

- Holy fear (v11), lack of fear of man (v13), humility (v16), mission (v18-20)

### Obstacles to Mission. Or, what hinders us?:

1. Immaturity
2. Self-absorption
3. Insecurity
4. We haven't truly concluded the gospel is true.

### How we are striving to be on mission at CrossPointe:

1. When we gather
2. Life together in community
3. Personal witness
4. Organized efforts locally
5. Organized efforts globally