



**Sermon Notes**

**Term** –

**Series** – The Overflow

**Gathering & Date** – 5pm 08/07/2018

**Title** –

**Preacher** – Andrew Stansbury

**Reading** – 2 Corinthians 5.14-21

<sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[b]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Main message of this talk in one sentence** – How do we prayerfully see those around us as God does, not counting their sins against them, but allowing God to appeal through us to reconcile all people to Himself.

**Main points** –

1. It is key to get God's view on those around us, especially those we find hard – do you ever ask how He has made them?
2. Do you count people's sins against them? How easy do you find forgiveness and letting go of wrongs?
3. How can you be fully present in all the places you are in throughout your life to enable you to be the righteousness of God and represent His call to reconciliation? Do you bring all of yourself, or do you just come and 'do a job', disconnecting who you are from what you're doing?

**For further thought and prayer** –

During the gathering we spent time asking God for specifics of how He sees certain people in our life – think of ways to encourage those things in them.

Look at the 3 questions above and reflect on them whilst reading the passage through and seeing what God highlights.