

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"
- Gandhi

2 Corinthians 5:17 - 20

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the *ministry of reconciliation*: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed us to the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..."

Christ has called each of us. He has taken our sinful and broken lives and transformed us to become white as snow and complete in His love. The "ministry of reconciliation" means the ministry of bringing together. God sent his son to bring the world (you) together with Him in relationship. Christ came to save the world, to make everyone a new creation, just like you and me! But the last part of this verse is also important for your life. Not only are you a new creation in Christ, but you are now committed to that same ministry of reconciliation. It says we are ambassadors; that means we are representatives of Jesus to the world around us! God gave us the job of bringing others to Him by showing them Jesus.

Gandhi's quote is one of my favorites. He knew what God meant by sharing in Christ's ministry. He said that we must BE THE CHANGE that we desire in the world. God said it. Gandhi said it. And now I'm saying it. It starts with you! You have the power and strength, through Christ, to change this world and to help others become a part of the kingdom of God!

Think about this:

What things happen in your home, your school, your church, the media, or even across the world that need to be changed and made better?

How can you be a part of the ministry of reconciliation?

How can you be a representative of Jesus?

Matthew 22:37 - 39

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.' "