**Daily Bible Readings for Home Study**

**LET’S STUDY!!**

**Your Read-Ahead for: 22 May 2022**

# May 22: Spiritual Weapons

M- Fight a Good Fight. II Tim. 4: 1-8.

T-The Christian's Strength. Gal. 2:17-21.

W-Strength in God. Ps. 84:1-12.

T-Weapons of Righteousness. II Cor. 6:3-10.

F- Paul's Desire. Rom. 1 :8-15.

S - Spiritual Alertness. I Thess. 5: 1-11.

S - Paul's Defense. II Cor. 10: 1-12, 1 7-18.

**15 May 2022**

Ambassadors for Christ

**Lesson Text: II Corinthians 5: 11-21**

Related Scriptures: Romans 10: 5-15; I Corinthians 3:5-9; Ephesians 2:11-22

**TIME:** probably A.D. 56 **PLACES:** from Macedonia

***GOLDEN TEXT-"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might b****e* ***made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21).***

***Scripture Lesson Text***

**For the Glory of God**

11Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. 12For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. 14For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

**A New Creature**

16Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**Ambassadors for Christ**

20Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

***Lesson Aim***

**Facts:** to grasp the truth that we have been commissioned to be ambassadors for Christ to the world.

**Principle**: to understand what it means to be ambassadors for Christ.

**Application**: to live daily in the realization that in everything we do and say, we represent Christ and His gospel to the world.

***Introduction***

In this week’s lesson, Paul instructs the Corinthian church about the future Christian blessings of a glorified body.

***Lesson Outline***

I. MINISTRY OF PERSUASION-II Cor. 5:11-13

II. MINISTRY OF LOVE-II Cor. 5:14-16

III. MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION-II Cor. 5:17-21

***Practical Points***

1. Awareness of the coming judgment should motivate believers to share the gospel (II Cor. 5:11).
2. People may choose to deride and harass you for your faith, but only God's approval matters (vss. 12-13).
3. Jesus died for us, so believers should now live for Him out of gratitude for His love (vss. 14-15).
4. Jesus does not fix up our old lives; He gives us new lives when we trust in Him (vss. 16-17).
5. Since God has reconciled us to Himself, believers should share that message of reconciliation with others (vss. 18-19).
6. You represent Christ everywhere you go; be careful how you represent Him (vs. 20)!
7. God has given us Christ's righteousness; Christ bore our sins on the cross (vs.21).