

God's Master Plan
A New Year's Reflection!
2 Corinthians 5:21

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This is one of the most magnificent verses in all of Scripture. It is the central truth of the Scriptures. At the start of this new year what better time to look at the deeper meaning of the cross and by faith, commit to communicate these truths in this new year to those who haven't heard.

2 Cor. 5:21 breaks down into some amazingly rich theological sections.

1. THE PLAN — **He made him . . .**
God made Jesus, who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf.
2. THE SON — **Who knew no Sin**
The Lord Jesus was without sin. Perfectly righteous, the only perfect human being and so he was the only one qualified to die for sins of mankind.
3. THE SACRIFICE — **To be sin on our behalf**
Jesus the sinless Son of God, became sin for us. God the father treated him as if he were a sinner by placing on him the sins of everyone.
4. THE SUBSTITUTE — **On our behalf**
When Christ died on the cross he took your place and he took mine. This is the doctrine of substitution – he became our substitute – he died in our place.
5. THE GRAND RESULT — **That we might become the righteousness of God in Him**
God in Christ made himself sin for man, and now man in Christ is made the righteousness of God.

We are his ambassadors, representatives of Jesus Christ, as Paul exhorts in v.20 we too should share this good news with others.

Jesus paid a debt that we could never pay, so we could obtain that which we could never earn.

Let's look for opportunities to share this amazing truth in this New Year!
To God be the glory.