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[2 Corinthians 5:21](#)

(Continuation from 09/29/13)

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[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(NASB\)](#)

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. [24 words]

[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(KJV\)](#)

²¹ For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. [25 words]

[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(Greek\)](#)

²¹ τον μη γνοντα αμαρτιαν υπερ ημων αμαρτιαν εποιησεν ινα ημεις γενωμεθα δικαιοσυνη θεου εν αυτω [15 words]

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) is like a cache of rare jewels, each deserving of a careful, reverential examination under the magnifying glass of Scripture.

It yields truths about the 1) benefactor, 2) the substitute, 3) the beneficiaries, and 4) the benefit.

The Beneficiaries

on our behalf, (5:21c)

[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(NASB\)](#)

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The antecedent of our is the phrase “ambassadors for Christ” in [verse 20](#); those to whom the “word of reconciliation” was committed ([v. 19](#)), who have been “reconciled” to God ([v. 18](#)), and are new creatures in Christ ([v. 17](#)).

[2 Corinthians 5:20 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

[2 Corinthians 5:19 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

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2 Corinthians 5:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature*; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Christ's substitutionary death was efficacious only for those who would believe ([John 1:12](#); [John 3:16-18](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#)); all those whom the Father gives Him and draws to Him ([John 6:37, 65](#)).

John 1:12 (NASB)

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

John 3:16-18 (NASB)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB)

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

John 6:37 (NASB)

³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 6:65 (NASB)

⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

That God raised Jesus from the dead is proof that He accepted His sacrifice on behalf of His people ([Romans 4:25](#)).

Romans 4:25 (NASB)

²⁵ *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.