



**“The Witness to
Jerusalem
{Family and Friends}”
2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Romans 10:14-15
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I. Family and Friends

What kinds of things do you have in common with those who are your family?

How can families bring a positive and negative influence?

What kinds of things do you have in common with those who are your friends?

How can friends bring a positive and negative influence?

What do Proverbs 27:19 and Proverbs 27:17 tell us about friends?

Why should we be concerned about the faith lives of our family and friends?

DL Moody said, “A man ought to live so that everyone knows he is a Christian... and most of all his family ought to know.” Why is this true?

II. Being Christ’s Ambassadors

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. What is the role of an ambassador?

Considering what an ambassador is, how are we ambassadors of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean when 2 Corinthians 5:18 states that we have been reconciled to God through Christ? Why did we need to be reconciled?

2 Corinthians 5:19 states that in our reconciliation to God our sins are not counted against us. Why is this so important?

As those reconciled to God in 2 Corinthians 5:18 what are we given? What part are we given in this ministry of reconciliation? Note 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

How does this relate to our family members and friends who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour?

III. Being Christ’s “Sent Ones”

Read Romans 10:14-15. The “how” questions in these verses are rhetorical. Notice the sequence. Who is the “they” in these verses? Who is the “they” in our lives?

The word “preaching or preach” means *to proclaim* or *announce* or *make known* or *tell*. How does this definition change the focus of these verses?

What is the urgency in us sharing the Gospel message with our family and friends?

The last phrase of Romans 10:15 is an Old Testament quote. The word “beautiful” means *welcome* or *timely*. How does this impact the meaning of this verse?