

Living in the 99% World

2 Corinthians 4-5

2 Corinthians 4:2

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice **cunning** or to **tamper with God's Word...**

“image”

ΕΙΚΩΝ

(*eikon*)

“icon”

Colossians 1:15

He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

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Psalm 116

Life in the 1% world

“tent”

σκηνη

(*skeinei*)

“skin”

Two acceptable causes for groaning:

- a) Longing for the spiritual world
- b) The burden of the physical world

The Gospel of the Glory of Messiah:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Romans 5:10-11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been **reconciled**, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Master Yeshua the Messiah, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

“ambassador”

πρεσβευω

(presbeuo)

Paul’s message to the world:

Be conciled to God

Paul’s message to believers:

Don't receive God's grace in vain

Discussion Questions:

- Identify two ways people misuse the Bible. (Think of examples where you have experienced this.)
 - In 4:7, what is the “treasure” and what are the “jars of clay”?
 - According to Paul, what is our message to the world? How is it different from the “gospel message” we are used to hearing?
 - What are two acceptable reasons to groan?
 - What should a believer’s one ambition be?
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NOTES:

Luke 20:23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Messiah.

Ephesians 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Mark 14:1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away, and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill Him.

John 1:47 Yeshua saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

Colossians 3:10 ...and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him –

Psalms 116:8-15 For Thou hast rescued my soul from death, my eyes from stumbling. I shall walk before Adonai in the land of the living. I believed when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." I said in my alarm, "All men are liars." What shall I render to Adonai for all His benefits toward me? I shall lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of Adonai. I shall pay my vows to Adonai, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of Adonai Is the death of His godly ones.

Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS." [Quoting Psalm 62:12]

Matthew 17:17 And Yeshua answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you?..."

Romans 11:15 For if their rejection is the **reconciliation** of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

1 Corinthians 7:11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be **reconciled** to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.

Ephesians 6:20 ...for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.