

**Week Three: *The Path of Integrity***  
**2 Corinthians 5:21**

**Spend FIFTEEN - Day One**

1. If you were asked to describe Jesus, what attributes come to mind?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What do you learn about Jesus from this verse?
3. Did you include 'sinless' in your description? Do your expectations of Jesus reflect the fact that he never sinned?
4. Why is it important, even necessary, for Jesus to be sinless?
5. From 2 Corinthians 5:21, what does Jesus' sinlessness achieve for us?
6. How would your relationship with God be different if you fully believed what this verse says about Jesus?
7. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Ask God to help you find reassurance in Jesus' perfection.

**Spend FIFTEEN - Day Two**

8. Would you say most people desire to be good?
9. Is being 'good enough' possible? Who decides what is 'good enough'?
10. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 again. What does this verse imply about the possibility of being 'good enough'?
11. Since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), what would be an accurate expectation of yourself? How does this line up with your current expectations?
12. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Why would God send Jesus to make us righteous? What does this say about our value?
13. In light of this, where do you go to find your value? How could this impact the way you deal with your own sins, failures and mistakes?

14. Close your FIFTEEN bringing your sins, failures and mistakes to your loving heavenly Father. Ask him to help you grasp the depth of his unconditional love for you.

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15. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 out loud. What is the righteousness of God?

16. What does it mean to “become the righteousness of God”?

17. The Message translation puts verse 21 this way, “In Christ, God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.” We become righteous or perfect (without sin) before God. Moreover, it is not a manmade righteousness; it is God’s righteousness imparted to us. When was Jesus made “sin for us” so we could be given righteousness?

18. From this verse, what does God want you to believe about yourself?

19. How does that impact how you think about others?

20. We can get frustrated, exasperated and discouraged by our own imperfections. We can get angry and impatient with the imperfections of others. As you end your FIFTEEN, pray for the Holy Spirit to help you receive God’s forgiveness and peace through Christ. Then pray for opportunities to respond to others with forgiveness and encouragement.

**Spend FIFTEEN - Day Four**

21. Are you a “fixer”, wanting to solve every problem or make every situation right? How does this impact your relationships?

22. What causes you to be disappointed with the people in your life? (Include family, friends, church leaders, government officials.)

23. Where do you get stuck in applying grace to others?

24. We often expect perfection in others, even when we don’t demand it of ourselves. Why is this not realistic?

25. How would opening yourself to God’s grace, relieve you of disappointment and the desire to fix and correct everyone around you?

26. You may have memorized 2 Corinthians 5:21 by now. If so, recite it. If not, read it again. What would it look like to rest on this work of Jesus? End your FIFTEEN savoring God's grace and letting it change you.

**Spend FIFTEEN - Day Five**

27. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Is perfection or sinlessness something we should desire?

28. How can the urge for perfection be helpful?

29. When will this urge for perfection be fully satisfied?

30. The longing for everything to be good and right is the longing for everything to be restored to God's original creation. How can God's grace through Jesus help you wait until he restores all things?

31. Finish your FIFTEEN in thanksgiving for the perfection that awaits God's people. Ask God how you can tap this longing for perfection in others to tell them about Jesus.