

AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

As ambassadors of Christ, we carry the most urgent of messages: "Be reconciled to God."

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Every country sends ambassadors who are official representatives of their nation to foreign lands. These ambassadors don't speak for themselves; they speak for their homeland. They carry the voice, message, and interest of their king or president.
- ❖ Paul uses that same imagery in 2 Corinthians 5:20, saying, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*
- ❖ As believers, we are not just Christians in name—we are ambassadors for Christ. We represent His Kingdom, His message, and His heart to a world that is distant from God. That's not just a poetic metaphor—it's our mission.

OUR IDENTITY: "WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST."

- ❖ **An ambassador lives in a foreign land.** ⇔ This world is not our home (Hebrews 13:14).
- ❖ **An ambassador carries their nation's message.** ⇔ We carry the message of Jesus (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 1:23).
- ❖ **An ambassador is appointed.** ⇔ We didn't volunteer ourselves; God called us (1 Cor. 1:9; Romans 8:30).
- ❖ Imagine being chosen to represent your entire nation before another government. You're not there on vacation or personal business. You are there on assignment—an official spokesperson, chosen and trusted by your homeland to carry out its will and deliver its message.
- ❖ This is exactly the role the Apostle Paul assigns to believers: ambassadors for Christ. Not tourists in the world. Not citizens of earth merely passing through, but divine representatives sent by the King of Heaven with the most urgent message the world has ever needed: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).
- ❖ This verse is part of a larger section from 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, where Paul unpacks the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to the Church. He reminds us that Christ died for all (v. 14), so that we would no longer live for ourselves (v. 15) but live as new creations (v. 17) who have been entrusted with the message and ministry of reconciliation (v.v. 18-19).
- ❖ Verse 20 is the climactic point: having been reconciled to God ourselves, we now carry His message to others.
- ❖ "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20). This is *not optional*. If you are in Christ, you *are* an ambassador. Not just the spiritually mature. Not just pastors or missionaries. Every believer carries this identity.
- ❖ Let's define this role more deeply. An ambassador lives in a foreign land. Philippians 3:20 reminds us that "our citizenship is in heaven." We are here on earth, but we don't belong to it. Our lives should reflect Heaven's culture, Heaven's priorities, and Heaven's King.
- ❖ **An ambassador represents someone greater.** An ambassador never speaks their own opinions or policies. They deliver only what their ruler has authorized. That's why we preach *Christ crucified* (1 Cor. 1:23), not self-help, politics, or

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:20
(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

popularity. We don't water down the gospel to make it more acceptable. We deliver the King's message with integrity and love.

- ❖ **An ambassador carries authority.** You are not speaking in your own name. You represent Jesus. With that comes power, but also responsibility.
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:20 also tells us that God makes His appeal through us, which is our privilege and responsibility. The Greek word for "appeal" (*parakaleō*) means to plead, urge, or beg. It is an impassioned plea.

OUR MESSAGE: "WE IMPORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD."

- ❖ The heart of the message is simple but deep: Reconciliation. What does it mean to be reconciled? It's to restore a broken relationship; to take enemies and make them friends again; to close the distance between two parties.
- ❖ Reconciliation is necessary because sin has separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2). Humanity doesn't just need improvement—we need restoration. And that restoration was made possible through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ Verse 21 gives us the foundation for reconciliation: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- ❖ Today, we live as Christ's ambassadors. We do so by representing the King well in our conduct (Titus 2:7-8), our speech (Colossians 4:6), and in our love (John 13:35). Our lives give credibility to our message.
- ❖ We also live as Christ's ambassadors when we carry the message boldly, so speak up. Don't let fear keep you silent. Evangelism isn't just for strangers. It includes your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbours.
- ❖ Remember: the message is not yours to alter; only to deliver. You are not just saved *from* something—you are saved *for* something.
- ❖ You have a mission. You are on assignment. You are an ambassador for Christ.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Discuss the various roles of an ambassador as broken down in the lesson. Now, discuss each aspect in light of being an ambassador for Christ.
2. Consider three "ambassadors" from either the Old or New Testament. How did their conduct reflect Heaven's culture, Heaven's priorities, and Heaven's King? In what ways can we do the same in our everyday lives as we exemplify our role as ambassadors of Christ?

PRAYER TIME

Lord, as one of Your ambassadors, help me to deliver Your message and let Your light shine in me.

Start-up: Have you ever had to act as a representative? Who were you representing, and what were you allowed (or not allowed) to do?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

PRAYER FOCUS: Thanksgiving for God's goodness, provision, protection, freedom, health, etc.

24-hour Prayer: Daily;

Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;

Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)

Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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WHY WE EXIST

We believe in the dignity of the human being; that everyone is made in the image of God to become the best they were created to be (Gen 1:27, Eph 4:13).



HOW WE DO THINGS

As a local church, we are "feeding Canada to feed the world" in a spiritual sense. We do this by teaching biblical principles that transcend cultures so that people can bring the best of who they are to the table and successfully engage secular life.



WHAT WE'RE DOING

We are building a strong Christian fellowship that will impact our nation and others beyond our national borders through biblical literacy, and economic empowerment.

FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

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Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.

(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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