

Every believer has been appointed an ambassador for Christ

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When Jesus walked on this earth, He was on a mission. Not only did He come to die on the cross and save us from our sins, He had a mission to set people free from every kind of brokenness and oppression. When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and saviour, the Bible says you became an ambassador of His. That means you are His representative here on earth. And as his representative, you have been empowered to fulfil Christ's mission on this earth. You are to represent and communicate the desires and will of Christ to others. You see, you are a living episode read by all people. Some may not read the Bible, but they are reading your life. So, who does your life represent? Christ or you? Are you living your own self-interests or living for Him? I encourage you as an ambassador for Christ to use your talents and gifts to lead others to know Him

Do you know your purpose on this earth? What are you living for? Seek the will of God for your life. There is a divine work added to every believer's plate. Not only are you a wife, not only are you a husband, a student, a labourer or a particular professional, but you have been appointed ambassador for Christ. The apostle Paul considered himself an ambassador for Christ (Eph. 6:20) and he applied this title to all believers. According to the Bible, the position gives every believer specific responsibility for sharing the gospel and pleading with unbelievers to be reconciled to God. *"²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).*

Before we received Christ as our Lord and personal saviour, we were children of disobedience, working for the devil (see Eph. 2:1-4). But having been saved by the grace of God, our new appointment comes with different responsibilities. "Ambassador" is a messenger, spokesperson, or a representative of a ruler or king. Therefore, every believer is a representative of King Jesus on this earth. We have been invested with the full power of the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of the government of God, typically in every nation.

We are honoured for such awesome powers conferred on us and we must be careful not to receive this grace in vain. We have been empowered to play a more definitive role as we work together with the Lord to transform people. As for me, I boldly confess that "I couldn't be more honoured to take on such a prestigious title on this earth". So, I ask you, what about you? Friend, all of us are going to have to play our role in this current effort to promote the gospel, and we must be ready and excited to take on the responsibility. Are you looking forward to working together with God to bring changes to your community and the world at large? You may answer that question for yourself.

"We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1-2). Halleluia! Each of us as a living follower of Christ has been given this important function to perform here on earth. We cannot afford to take this responsibility lightly, so it is imperative that we do what God wants us to do. We are His ambassadors because we represent Him on this earth.

"As He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). So, we represent Him. Don't take this title and this responsibility lightly, my friend. Before Jesus went back to heaven, He also said, *occupy till I come*. You see, the early disciples did exactly what Jesus told them to do. He said, get this message of eternal life to the whole world. We are the light of this dark world and we carry the light of the gospel with us. God intends to change other peoples' lives by our lives. We must take the light of the Gospel to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). That's the instruction, that's the command Jesus Christ has given to every single believer including you and me.

It's the will of God that we live such a way that we influence the people around us by behaving as instruments for His ideas of the future. That's God's will, His purpose, and His plan. God created you and me with the aim of making each and every one of us an instrument for His ideas of the future. He has given us fantastically exciting agenda on this earth. We are His ambassadors, we represent Him. He gave us the command to evangelise the world before He returns. He said, *occupy till I come*²⁰; that means keep letting your light shine in this dark world, that means keep living for God, that means keep abounding yourself in the work of the Lord, that means keep making disciples, keep preaching, keep sharing your faith and keep winning souls.

“And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (2 Cor. 5:15)

And that is His plan for our lives. We cannot afford to live for ourselves or be quiet. Jesus is our example. He came onto this earth doing His father's will. He said: “Not according to my will but your will”. Christ's purpose was clear: He said I came to seek and to save that which was lost. He came on a mission and He lived for His mission. There is nothing on earth that exists without a purpose. You were not born for nothing. Discover your purpose and live it. Don't live an empty life my friend. Our main focus on this earth must be seeking the will, the plan and purpose of God for our lives. And what's God's purpose for our lives? We are to occupy till He comes, we are to represent Him till He comes, we are His ambassadors. Halleluiah!

God has committed His glorious gospel which is the power of God to salvation to our trust, and we must make every effort to preach it no matter what kind of opposition we face. ⁵⁸ ***Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor.15:58)***. Don't underrate yourself because God has placed a value on us. We are honoured to be appointed by Christ to be His ambassadors.

²⁰ ***Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20)***. This is a ministry that is open to every Christian, regardless of social background, age, gender, culture, or race. It is our duty as believers to serve as messengers representing King Jesus with the good news and pleading with sinners to be reconciled to God. It is required that believers be found faithful, doing what Christ did when He was on this earth and what He wants us to do while He is sitting at the right hand of the father in heaven. There is the need for Christians to be discipled so that they can also disciple others.

If we want to keep the gospel relevant and vibrant, our task is clear. Preach it, teach it and heal. So, I always say, “preach, teach and heal”. We must ensure that the gospel reaches every single person on this earth. Speak it, act it, share it, and spread it in the mighty name of Jesus. There is nothing equal to the self-value and dignity of being the representatives of God, sharing the gospel and winning souls among hurting and suffering people who need our witness, who need our touch, who need our attention and our help.

The gospel is global, and it works for everyone, irrespective of where you are, who you are and what you do. We serve as representatives of the King of kings from one place to the other and from one nation to another. Therefore, think global, speak global and act global, my friend. Many of God's children think that God will send angels to proclaim the good news of the gospel to the world. Very often, Christians pray and wait for God to do what He told them to do. I pray that you wouldn't do that. You will carry on with the task Jesus has given to you and me on this earth before He returns.

The Bible says in **Luke 2** that when Christ was born in Bethlehem, there were shepherds going about their day-to-day activities when they encountered the heavenly host with the blessing of the gospel. They later became the gospel givers - meaning, they became God messengers on this earth to spread the good news because the breaking news of Christ's birth was given to them first, not to the princes and chief priests, and learned men at Jerusalem, but to ordinary men. It pleased God to choose and call and reveal His secrets to them. And so Has He chosen you and me to spread the good news of the gospel. God ordained that ordinary

people like you and me are to convey the message of the gospel to every nation and every creature in all the world. If we don't do it, the gospel of Christ and His love and His power will not be shared.

As soon as they heard the news about the birth of Christ, the shepherds said to one another, ***“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard it marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds (Luke 2: 15-18).*** This text of scripture is written for our inspiration. We cannot read or hear and not act. The word of God is for doing. Now is our time to also help in announcing, publishing, and spreading the gospel. Now is the time to partake in conveying the gospel message to the hurting world.

Don't keep the good news to yourself. We are to tell it to others. Share it with your family, friends, colleagues, community, and the world at large. Just tell it and God will bless your testimony, and others will learn the good news and be saved. Remember that the gospel has been committed to us as ambassadors.

When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3).

Christ sat down: there was nothing more for Him to do. He had committed the spreading of the gospel to us. After He ascended back to the father in heaven, we became His representatives to continue His ministry. As for me, I boldly confess that “I couldn't be more honoured to take on such a prestigious title on this earth”. My question is, what about you?

Jesus is the only saviour of this world. Have you received Him as your personal saviour? Put your trust in Jesus, and if you will, you may pray this prayer after me, saying every word from your heart,

Dear Lord: I recognise that I am a sinner and need to be saved.

I understand that Jesus died in my place and suffered the judgment of all of my sins.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and He is at the right hand of the father.

Lord Jesus, I surrender my Life to you.

Come and Live in my heart and be my Lord and saviour.

Thank You for saving me. Amen!