

The gospel has been committed to us as ambassador for Christ

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As Christians we have a responsibility and the privilege to witness to the lost concerning our blessed redeemer. We are to represent and communicate the desires and will of Christ to others as ambassadors of God. We've been commanded to witness to the world and God has provided us with the privilege of sharing and the delivering of the gospel. You see, the power to proclaim the good news was not given to the angels. It was given to redeem people. Therefore, proclaiming the word of God and witnessing to the world is an essential assignment for every Christian. The most important thing you can do for others is to tell them about your most important experience. So as a Christian, how good and faithful of a witness are you? I encourage you to be a good and faithful ambassador for God, by fulfilling your responsibility to witness about Christ.

After Jesus ascended back to the father in heaven, we became His representatives to continue His ministry. In Mark 16:15, Jesus said, *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* If we are to change a nation, we must not only lead them to Jesus but continue to teach them so that their minds can be renewed. Then we must train other faithful people from those cultures to teach these truths to their own people. Second Timothy 2:2 says, ***"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also"*** (2 Timothy 2:2). The word "commit" means "to put in trust or charge; entrust, to bind or obligate. Believers must entrust their lives to the Lord and commit themselves to preaching the Gospel regardless of the cost. ***When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3)***. So, we can see from this scripture that Christ sat down: there was nothing more for Him to do. He had committed the spreading of the gospel to us. To you and me, to believers, to His ambassadors.

You might seem an outlandish choice for Christ's ambassador but to the Holy Spirit, who leads us and has the 'driving seat' for our ambassadorial travels, the choice is right. Christ has appointed believers as His ambassadors. We are to be good and faithful ambassadors commissioned by Christ Jesus. After He purged us from our sins, He made us worthy to share His life and virtue. He sat down. But it's not our time to sit down. It's our time to stand up and go. It's our time to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Halleluiah! We can either go, pray, or give. We are involved with the people we support. We represent everything He came to do on this earth including being His voice. Believers are like people through whom God is pleading to reconcile the sinful world to Himself.

¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 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. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Cor. 5:18-21).

The only reason we must go to different parts of the world is the real opportunity of meeting sinners and reconciling them to Christ. We are messengers representing the King of kings and the Lord of lords with the gospel of Christ which is the power of God to salvation. The early disciples made their mark on the world's stage by filling everywhere they went with the gospel and we are to follow their example (see Acts 5:28; Rom 10:13-18).

Believer, whether you believe it or not, you are an ambassador. You are either a good ambassador, poor ambassador, faithful ambassador, or you are not much of one. But we have all been commissioned as ambassadors by Jesus Christ. You can either go or pray and give. If I'm crying out to God on your behalf, then I'm with you. I'm not physically with you on the mission field but I'm with you. We are involved in the lives of people we pray for. Are you focusing on your work as an ambassador? If not, then you are

rejecting God's directive.

Jesus Christ said on the cross that it's finished. His redemptive work is finished and has now committed to us the continuation of His ministry as his ambassadors, as His interpreters, and as His representatives. He has now commissioned us to go with the gospel, as His disciples and to act in His name and on His behalf. As ambassadors and believers, we speak to Him and for Him. He touches people with our hands and walks in our shoes. We are not begging Him to do the things that He sent us to do. Jesus is not coming from heaven as a spiritual messenger to lay hands on the sick to recover. He is not coming from heaven to preach the gospel. The only way Christ can make disciples or witness to people is through believers like you and me. Therefore, His ministry on this earth is limited to believers through whom He can live and express Himself.

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). We are ambassadors for Christ. Jesus came to save sinners, but He is currently in heaven and He is glad to save them through you and me, those of us already saved. Jesus Christ went to the cross alone to save sinners. Yet in preaching the gospel and setting the captives free, He wants His followers to associate with His Spirit, so that we can say, ***"We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1).***

In shedding His blood to save sinners, He was alone but in going to all nations to make disciples, we are His fellow workers. We are God's associates working together with Him. It's a privilege to know that Christ delights to work through us as far as we permit Him to do so. We are labourers together with Him in His plentiful harvest field. Let's be zealous for the things of God so we can reap the harvest of souls together with Him. God is pleased to see us assisting in His work to bring glory to His Holy name. It's His joy to see His disciples weeping for souls, it's His joy to hear their tongues speaking in prayer and in the preaching of the Gospel.

It's His joy to see His ambassadors saving souls from death and hell, serving as miracle workers, healing the sick, casting out demons and setting people free in the power of the Holy Spirit. What a great honour all believers must enjoy. Christ wants to reconcile people to God. He wants to speak to people about the love of God. But He can only do it through believers who allow Him to speak through their mouth and tongue and plead on His behalf. As believers present the gospel, Christ speaks through us and pleads with unbelievers to repent and be reconciled to God.

We are on this earth to share with people the way of salvation and offer to help them to receive Christ and disciple them. Christ speaks the gospel through our lips. He looks through our eyes into the face of people who are hurting and speaks to them. Christ touches and heals people through our hands. Practical Christianity is allowing Christ to live through you to touch the hurt, the lonely, the one without hope or somebody living in despair. I hope you will do so. I hope you will allow Christ to that through you. Halleluiah!

If Christians are too busy to share their faith, heal the sick and disciple people, then Christ has no other channel to minister through and many will continue to be on the Broadway to destruction. Today the kingdom of God is home to many people. But there are many who have not yet entered into it and are on their way to destruction (see John 1; 11-12, Mat 7:13-14). Everyone needs to hear the gospel of the Kingdom of God and together, working as labourers or ambassadors in His field, we can make the good news of the kingdom known. Many are on their way to destruction because there are only few labourers working in the Lord's plentiful harvest field. We need to intercept them with the gospel of Christ and redirect them to the narrow way which leads to life with Christ, life with God, and life in heaven. This is our paramount duty as believers and followers of Christ.

"Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Mat 9:37-38). Christ has given us the

ministry of reconciliation and it's vital that we go out there, where the hurting people are and minister to them in the power of the Holy Spirit which is in us. We are His instruments for his ideas of the future. He encourages the discouraged and gives hope to the despondent through human beings in whom He lives. Christ is not coming down from heaven to feed the hungry, He is not coming from heaven to clothe the naked. He is coming from heaven to take His church without spot or wrinkle. Christ visits and helps the needy and uplifts the fallen through believers like you and me. Christ has endowed us with such supreme honour.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. He exhibits Himself; He extends His mercies and demonstrates His power through us. This is what makes the Christian life worth living. Christ says, go out where the people are, out in private homes and public places, out to the nations, out where the lost are and teach them all that I have taught you. We are not just to teach or help them, but to pass along faith in Jesus Christ. Paul told young Timothy, ***“That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us” (2 Timothy 1:14)***. That “good thing” is the same as the “things” that Timothy had been taught – the truth of God’s word that Paul taught him. ***“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2)***.

Our discipleship program must be built around real content, the word of God and the testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. And this will yield good results or succeed when we commit the truth of God’s word to “faithful men” who then go out and make disciples by passing the faith along. This is how disciples and real ambassadors are made and how the church grows.

We must holdfast the faithful word of God and not “water it down” when it comes to our commitment to scripture so that we don’t weaken the message of Christ. Let’s remember that the word of God doesn’t change or go out of style.

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 3-4)

That’s why Paul said to commit these things to “faithful men” as opposed to unfaithful men who doubt or even deny the accuracy and sufficiency of scripture. It’s of paramount importance that we commit ourselves as Christ’s ambassadors to the word of God – not only to hear it, but to heed it, teach it and commit to faithful men and women to pass the knowledge along to others.

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!**