

“AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST”
2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

INTRO: The first time I met an ambassador was around 1967 when I was working at a place called THE CABIN FARMS out in Fayette County. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet and have discussions with several ambassadors, which has always interested me. But the Bible teaches that **EVERY CHRISTIAN IS AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST WHICH MEANS WE HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL FOR AS LONG AS WE LIVE.** Today we shall briefly look at that responsibility which I pray will lead us to be **ALL GOD WANTS US TO BE AS HIS CHILDREN IN THIS SPIRITUALLY DARK WORLD.**

OVERVIEW OF THE TEXT

NOTE: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 is a **CLASSIC TEXT** on the **LIFE AND PRACTICE** of the Christian. It presents some great truths on the **MOTIVE AND OBJECT OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY** that should **never be neglected.**

VERSE 14 – THE EFFECT OF SIN: Christ died for all because all are spiritually dead due to Sin.

VERSE 15 – THE RESULT OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION: We who are saved and are beneficiaries of Christ’s resurrection should not live to please ourselves, but rather Christ who redeemed us.

VERSE 16 – THE PRIORITY OF OUR MINISTRY: Our priority should not be to meet people’s physical needs, but rather their spiritual needs. As we focus on Christ, we should exalt His spiritual life and ministry not His physical.

VERSE 17 – THE RESULT OF OUR SALVATION: We are a new creation in Christ regarding our life, our motives, our destiny, etc.

VERSE 18 – THE ESSENCE OF OUR MINISTRY: We have the ministry of reconciliation to bring people to Christ.

VERSE 19 – THE MESSAGE OF OUR MINISTRY: We have the word of reconciliation, which is the Gospel, to proclaim to others.

VERSE 20 – THE DESCRIPTION OF OUR LIFE: We are **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST** to proclaim the message of reconciliation to others.

VERSE 21 – THE WORK OF CHRIST: We are participants of the righteousness of God through the work of Christ on our behalf.

IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THE ABOVE, WE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS ARE TRULY
AMBASSADORS FOR JESUS CHRIST

(A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY)

NOTE: The word **“AMBASSADOR”** comes from the word **“ELDER”** that was often used of one who **was sent to represent a king to other nations. AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE AMBASSADORS TO REPRESENT JESUS CHRIST TO THE WORLD... WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK FOR JESUS CHRIST!**

I. WE ARE TO SPEAK FOR CHRIST IN THE FACE OF WORLD ISSUES

NOTE: There are many issues, but one crucial issue before us today is the nation of Israel. **We must know, understand, stand with, and promote Israel as God’s select nation on earth – Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

II. WE ARE TO SPEAK FOR CHRIST IN THE FACE OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

NOTE: There are many issues but one crucial issue before us these days is the matter of life. The **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE** speaks of the fact that our nation recognizes that God is the originator of LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. But for the sake of our discussion, let’s **focus on life as outlined in Psalm 139:13-18**

A. Life before birth in the womb – Full protection = **NO ABORTION**

B. Life after birth outside of the womb – As God designed it = **NO TRANSGENDER OR HOMOSEXUALITY.**

III. WE ARE TO SPEAK FOR CHRIST IN THE FACE OF EDUCATION

NOTE: There are many issues but the one crucial issue before us is the matter of removing **BIBLICAL TRUTH** from education. The Bible used to be used as a textbook in the early days of our nation, but it has been out of the picture since the early 1960's. **Let's endeavor to get the Word of God back into the education system as Deuteronomy 6:4-9.**

IV. WE ARE TO SPEAK FOR CHRIST IN THE FACE OF ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS

NOTE: There are many issues but the one crucial issue before us is the matter of churches turning away from biblical doctrine and standards and compromising with the world. **Let's endeavor to always know, live, and promote the BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW and contend for the faith as presented in Jude 3.**

LESSON/APPLICATION

As Christians, we are to REPRESENT JESUS CHRIST in every aspect of life. We just highlighted four areas today. But we seriously need to ask the question:

ARE WE TRULY REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIFE? WE HAVE THAT EXPECTATION FROM GOD HIMSELF!