

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST 1



Introduction

An Ambassador is an important person! He is sent from his own country, to another, to represent his government and his people. Although he lives in a foreign country he still remains a citizen of his own country. The Bible describes us as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. Our real citizenship is in Heaven, not Africa, America or Asia. We are here to represent our King, Jesus, and His Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven. What a privilege! What a responsibility!

1. Our Citizenship 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

- ✪ How is our *present* body described? v1-2
- ✪ How is our *new* body described and when will we receive it? What is the difference between our *present* body and the one we will receive? v1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
- ✪ What guarantee does God give us so that we will know we will receive this body? v5
- ✪ How do these verses encourage you personally?

2. Our Aim 2 Corinthians 5:9-15

- ✪ As ambassadors of Christ, what should be our aim? v9
- ✪ What should be our motive for pleasing the Lord, and why is this so important? v10-11
- ✪ What is the second motivation that Paul mentions? What do you think he means by this? v14
- ✪ In what ways does your motivation to share Christ fall short of what Paul has written? What do you think you need to do to change that?

3. Our Message and Task 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:3

- ✪ Discuss the parallels between the job of an ambassador, and our task as ambassadors of Christ.
- ✪ What is the task or ministry God has given us as His ambassadors? v18, 20, 6:1
- ✪ Give an outline of the gospel message we are to share with others from v16-21, 6:2.
- ✪ Share the name of one friend you would really like to see come to Christ. Pray together in groups for those you have named.

Conclusion

You have been called and chosen by God to be His ambassador here on earth. No, you don't have to be the Apostle Paul, just yourself – but like Paul, let the fear of God and the love of Christ motivate you in all you do. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord is WITH you, and He will use you as you walk in faith and obedience.