



Identity

Who was I? Who am I? Who can I be?

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Week 6 – We are AMBASSADORS

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (New International Version)

17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20We 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. 21God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1. WHAT IS AN AMBASSADOR?

- Authorised: An ambassador is an authorised representative of a sovereign, a monarch or government.
- Speaks for the ruler: An ambassador speaks not in his own name but on behalf of the ruler whose deputy he is.
- Highest rank and privileges: An ambassador is the highest ranking diplomat who represents his or her country.
- Important and valued: A trusted ambassador is skilled and can handle the responsibility of the **full power** of the state behind them.

2. WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?

God is the loving creator – Revelation 4:11

God created mankind to know Him – John 17:3

Mankind has abused what was entrusted to him –
Romans 3:10-12 & 23

The result is separation, devastation and death –
Romans 6:23

Christ came – John 3:16-17

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him [JESUS] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

“This verse is one of the most important in all of Scripture for understanding the meaning of the atonement and justification. Here we have one who knew no sin, is Jesus Christ and that he (God) made him (Christ) to be sin.”

Wayne Grudem

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Reconcile = to make right, or brought back into friendship

3. WE ARE AMBASSADORS

“Jesus was born in a borrowed manger. He preached from a borrowed boat. He entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, he ate the last supper in a borrowed upper room and he was buried in a borrowed tomb. Now he asks to borrow the lives of Christians to reach the rest of the world. If we do not speak then he is dumb and silent.”

Dr Leighton Ford

3.1 Christ is the one who qualifies us

Christ lives in me – Galatians 2:20

We get to co-labour with him

In what ways are you discounting yourself?

3.2 This should be the normal Christian life –
John 14:12

4. LET'S GET PRACTICAL

4.1 We must pray – Luke 10

Ephesians 6:19-20 - Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

4.2 We're to share our story – it has power.

We're unique – Matthew 10:29-31

4.3 We're to display the love of God

1 John 4:12 - No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

4.4 We're to share the gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

2 Corinthians 5:20 - We implore you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Get in the game.