Ambassadors of Heaven •2 Cor 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

• Eph 6:20 .. I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming the kingdom I may speak boldly

Ambassadors of Heaven A diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative in residence by one government or sovereign to another An authorized messenger or representative. •Agent, apostolic delegate, messenger, minister, emissary

 Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven

•We are citizens of a heavenly kingdom living on earth

• John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,

John 17: ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

 John 20:²¹ So Jesus said to them again, ' Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

•This makes us ambassadors, citizens of another kingdom - heaven but living on the earth, gateways of heaven on earth, bringing heaven to earth, Ambassadors are the highest ranking officials of one kingdom living in

another land. We take our orders and get our authority from heaven.

•We are protected by heavenly protection, our provision comes from heaven. We live by the laws of heaven, the economy & political system of heaven.

• E.g. Like the characteristics of an ambassador of the UK based in China.

• The embassy is British soil, protected by British troops, taking orders from Whitehall and representing British interest and operating under British laws and culture. They are in constant contact with the home country and do not operate from personal opinions but orders from HQ. • We are tasked with more than representing the interests of heaven.

•As citizens of heaven we carry heavens authority, we each have a kingship to exercise and a sphere of life to rule over. Let's present ourselves to God as daily living sacrifices in our priestly role and so demonstrate God's power and authority through our kingship.

Ambassadors of Heaven •You represent one kingdom (heaven) in another kingdom earth •You live by the laws of heaven Church is like an embassy territory on foreign soil – You are church You are protected by heavenly authority •You are not to be influenced by earthly culture, society, customs but to influence & transform them.

Ambassadors of Heaven •We live under kingdom authority •New Health Service New Economic & Financial services New education system New Society – paradise restored •New attitudes, ideals, culture New behaviours, abilities & powers Heaven transforming earth

Ambassadors of Heaven
Authority to speak on behalf of God
You have the supernatural power of heaven at your disposal

 Romans send 300 citizens to invade a territory to set up a Castra Pone to influence for dominion

Colonisation is our mission

Church is a colony of heaven

 Matt 13:²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

• Matt 13:³⁷ And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*;

• Matt 13:31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; ³² and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

 Matt 13:³³ He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

•We are called to infiltrate and influence the world to restore it to original condition & ownership

•Rom 8:¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

• Matt 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Ambassadors of Heaven •Matt 5:13"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be saltseasoning that brings out the Godflavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

• Matt 5:14-16" Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

 We are the ambassadors of heaven – sons of the kingdom to colonise this world.

Gen 1:²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over it
Make earth like it is in heaven

Ambassadors of Heaven •Matt 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. •Matt 6:10 Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what's best -

as above, so below.

Ambassadors of Heaven •John 18:37 .. I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. •John 17:18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

- Rev 1:⁶ He has made us to be a kingdom of priests,
- Rev 5:¹⁰ says we are made to be a kingdom and priests to reign where? on the earth.
- Matt 6:³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness
- This means living for and from that kingdom first, above everything else and walking by faith.

- Our sphere of authority is within us but is to be manifested though us and around us.
- Spiritual authority releases natural influence.
- Whoever is ruling in the spiritual environment has the influence in the natural environment.
- We each have a sphere of authority over which we are supposed to rule.

Ambassadors of Heaven •Mark 6:7 And He called to Him the Twelve [apostles] and began to send them out [as His ambassadors] two by two and gave them authority and power over the unclean spirits. Matt 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

 Matt 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

 Matt 10:7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

•Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Ambassadors of Heaven •We are commissioned to influence others making know the kingdom by our kingship therefore we must expect the salvation of those around us. Those saved are then discipled and equipped to go out into their market places and do the same hence expanding the sphere of influence of the kingdom through the Church.

I Cor 2:1.. I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

 I choose to accept my commission as an ambassador of heaven on earth

- I choose to live according to the principles of heaven
- I choose to receive my direction & protection from heaven
- I choose to live from the resources of heaven

Ambassadors of Heaven I choose not to be influenced by the ideals, culture & philosophy of earth I choose to become an agent of the counter-culture of heaven •I choose to live a supernatural lifestyle with a higher level of authority I choose to be an example of kingdom attitudes & the character of Jesus

Ambassadors of Heaven
I choose to demonstrate the good news of Jesus in word & deed
I choose to be salt & light in my

world

• I am a minister of reconciliation to make disciples for the kingdom of God

•I am an ambassador of heaven to transform the earth.