

# 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

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- Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven
- Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
- We are citizens of a heavenly kingdom

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- It has always been God's intention that this material universe to reflect His heavenly spiritual, supernatural kingdom
- Matt 6: 9 “ Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in **heaven**,..<sup>10</sup> ‘  
Your **kingdom come**. Your will be done, On earth as it is in **heaven**.

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- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw **His glory**, glory ..from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- John 1:51 .. I say to you, you will see the **heavens opened** and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
- John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down **from Heaven**, even the Son of Man **who is in Heaven**

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- Rev 1:6 and He has made us to be **a kingdom, priests** to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- Rev 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.
- Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a **door standing open in heaven**, .. I had heard .. Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

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- Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the **exact representation of His nature**, and **upholds all things by the word of His power**. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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- Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me”?
- Heb 1:8 But of the Son *He says*, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the **righteous sceptre** is the **sceptre of His kingdom.**”

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- Jesus is exact representation of God
- We are ambassadors of Jesus
- He upholds by words of power
- He sits on a throne of authority
- His identity is a son
- His throne has a sceptre of authority
- He loves righteousness hates lawlessness



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- Rom 8:<sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become conformed to the image of His Son*, so that He would be the firstborn among many children
- Rom 8:<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that *we are children of God*,<sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed *we suffer with Him* so that we may also be *glorified with Him*.

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- Heavens kingdom has higher standards of behaviour, superior authority, power and wisdom
- New speech
- New attitudes
- New lifestyle
- New dimensions

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- Living under kingdom authority
- New health service – healing
- New economy financial services
- New society – paradise restored
- Transformation to a new order
- Lives, families, church, town, region, nation, world -----

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- I must represent Christ & His kingdom to the world
- I am not here on this earth to represent myself
- I am not here to promote my own ideas, or personal ideology
- I am not here to foist my opinions about life and God
- I am here only to represent Christ

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- Ambassadors have an honoured position which carries responsibility.
- We are always a personal representative Jesus Christ in every situation.
- We need to know the messenger to be & speak the message of Jesus
- We need to preach the good news in word & deed

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- In word
- By what we say people should be able to see that we are followers of Christ
- Our speech should differ from that of the world around us
- Our words should resonate that which is righteous with authority

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- In deed John 14:12 do His works
- Speaking the words of God is not enough we must demonstrate the kingdom as Jesus did.
- This may involve more than just meeting their spiritual needs, but may also mean their physical needs as well

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- Preach the word sometimes using words
- Who - To all the world
- When - In season and out of season
- What - Christ and Him Crucified
- Why - To bring reconciliation between God and man



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- 1 Cor 2:<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified,
- 1 Cor 2:<sup>4</sup> and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

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- 1 Cor 4:15 I preached the Good News to you.
- 2 Cor 2:17 We preach the word of God with sincerity and with Christ's authority
- 2 Cor 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord,

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- 1 Thes 1:5 For our [preaching of the] glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in [its own inherent] power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction and absolute certainty [on our part]. You know what kind of men we proved [ourselves] to be among you for your good.

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- 2 Tim 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- 1 Pet 1:25 **BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.**” And this is the word which was preached to you.

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- Do we have a desire to live a life that brings glory to God?
- Do we carry the message?
- Are we the message - good news?
- We will never be Jesus to world unless we want to be
- Do you want to be an ambassador?

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- We are representatives of another culture, another way of life.
- In this capacity, we do not give our own opinions, but advance the positions of our home country. (heaven)
- We must function as a servant or steward, representing our country heaven faithfully.
- As such, we should practice hospitality, courtesy, and graciousness.

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- Ambassadors represent Christ by their behaviour as His followers - disciples
- John 13:<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love **one another**. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- Demonstrate love because God is love

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- Rom 12: <sup>10</sup> *Be devoted to one another* in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour; <sup>11</sup> not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, <sup>13</sup> contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.



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- Rom 12:<sup>15</sup> **Rejoice** with those who rejoice, and **weep** with those who weep.  
<sup>16</sup> Be of the **same mind** toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. <sup>17</sup> Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

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- Rom 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to **love** one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.
- Rom 14:13 Therefore let us **not judge** one another anymore, but rather determine this - not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

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- Rom 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the **building up** of one another.
- Rom 15:7 Therefore, **accept** one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
- 1 Cor 12: so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same **care** for one another.

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- Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love **serve** one another.
- Gal 6:2 **Bear** one another's burdens, and thereby fulfil the law of Christ.

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- Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing **tolerance** for one another in love,
- Eph 4:32 Be **kind** to one another, **tender-hearted, forgiving** each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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- Phil 2:1-3 <sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the **same mind**, maintaining the **same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose**. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard** one another as **more important than yourselves**;

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- Col 3: <sup>12</sup> So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; <sup>13</sup> **bearing with** one another, and **forgiving** each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. <sup>14</sup> Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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- 1 Thes 4:18 Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.
- 1 Thes 5:11 Therefore **encourage** one another and **build up** one another
- 1 Thes 5:13 Live in **peace** with one another.
- 1 Thes 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is **good** for one another and for all people.



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- Heb 10: <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to **stimulate** one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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- James 5:16 Therefore, **confess your sins** to one another, and **pray** for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
- 1 John 5:17 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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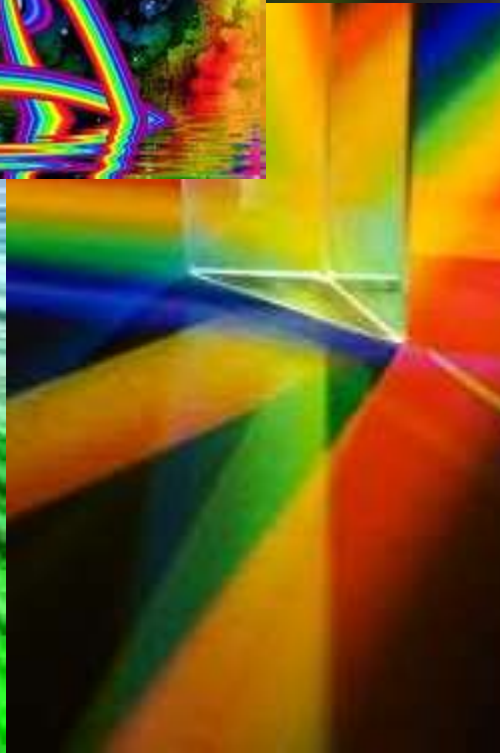
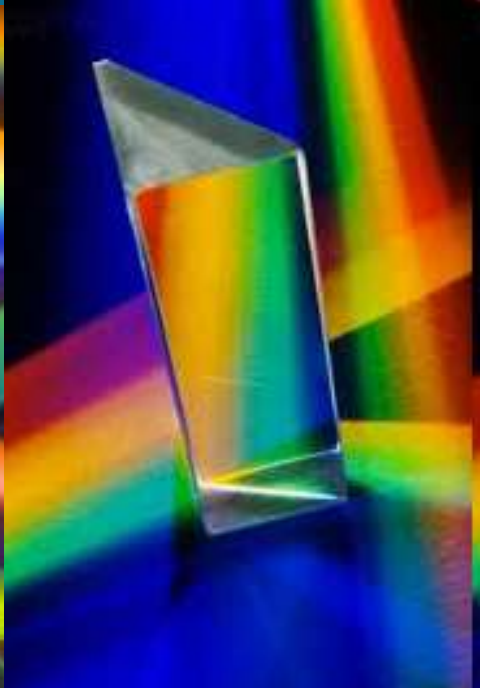
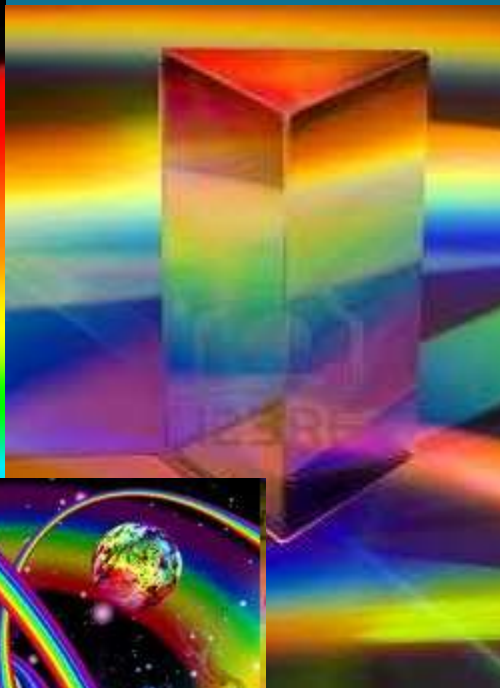
- 1 Peter 4: <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep **fervent in your love** for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be **hospitable** to one another without complaint. <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in **servng** one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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- Prov 13:<sup>17</sup> A wicked messenger falls into evil, but a faithful ambassador brings healing.
- Am I a faithful ambassador of Christ?
- Am I bringing light, salt, health, refreshment, comfort and God to the people with whom I come into contact?



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