

## **Ambassadors in the Name of Jesus**

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Main passage: Romanos 10: 6-15

Other passages: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, Romans 12:2, Matthew 7:21-23, 1 Peter 3:14-15

A while ago being in Venezuela talking to a brother he told me that once in a plane the person he sat next to was talking to him and one of the things he told him was: "You know what? I am a very important business man and that is why I travel so much" Then this man asked this pastor what did he do and the pastor replied, " I am an ambassador ". This man looked at him in astonishment, and this pastor kept saying, " I am an ambassador in the Name of Jesus", and he started to give testimony and talk about the Word of God to this person in the plane. I ask you tonight, Would you present yourself like this? As an ambassador in the Name of Jesus, ambassador of the Kingdom of God. Paul said that what we were ambassadors in the Name of Jesus.

So, what is an ambassador? Someone that represents a country. It is a big responsibility, it is not easy. Paul says that we are ambassadors of Christ, that is why we are called Christians because we follow Jesus, because we live according to our Lord Jesus and we represent Him but the ambassadors have certain characteristics.

An ambassador does not talk out of his own, he has an objective which is to talk and represent his country or king according to what he has been told by him. You and me have a purpose. Do you believe that? We have a purpose, we are ambassadors, it is not about what you want, that was before, but once we accepted Jesus as our personal saviour our priorities change, 2 Corinthians 5: 17, this is what makes us to be a representative of Christ. Before I accepted Jesus I lived like the world but now, after accepting Him, I am a new creature and I don't live by my emotions or thoughts, that was in the past, the past is only in our minds, we are new creatures, from now on all is made new, that is why we have to renew our thoughts because you can not think as you did before knowing Jesus, you have to renew your thoughts to understand the good will of God that is good and acceptable and perfect. You can not understand what is His will if you don't renew your thoughts as the bible says. Praise God we are new creation in Him, He has erased our past, we had humbled ourselves before God, before His powerful hand and He will exalt you at His time, leave your anxieties before God, He will take care of you, we are not alone, God is with us once we have accepted Him, we are a new creation in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5: 18-19. Many people ask themselves, What ministry do I have? There is one that all of us have, I can tell you one that you have for sure, the ministry of reconciliation, we were given this ministry when we came to Jesus. Reconciliation, a very important word, how many relations have been broken because there was no reconciliation?. It is very important that what was been broken gets joined again. In the beginning, in the creation there was a communion with God between men and God, between Adam and Eve and God, between the creator and the created, but that was broken because of sin, and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and sin separated men from God but God, and because of His everlasting love and mercy, He wanted to restore that communion and union between men and God and the only way to do this was to send His only begotten son. God is love,

His love is so big that He gave His only Son so whoever believes in Him, by grace, by love, if you believe in Him you are going to be saved. That was the objective of God, not only was this done through our Lord Jesus but we also have received the ministry of reconciliation, look at the importance of this, to be ambassadors with this ministry, that is to spread the gospel, the preaching of the good news that change, transform and reconcile men with God, is an enormous, tremendous and beautiful responsibility we have, and many times we are not aware of this, we have the greatest antidote to a sickness that is expanding through the world, sin, and you and me have the medicine, if we keep silent we are not sharing the cure of that sickness that is finishing with men, that cure is that Jesus won over sin, defeated sin at the cross on Calvary and rose again.

Verse 19: If there is any of you that is tired and have no strength or is mad with God because you don't understand why something has happened in your life come close to the Lord, get close to His presence, humble before him, because when you get mad it means that you are telling him that He does not know what He is doing but our God does know what He is doing, He knows what is the best for us and is not that He doesn't love us, on the contrary, what He allows is because He love us, that is why He has allowed that, and He not only wants of us to reconcile with Him. He also want for us to help other to get close to Him and we have the tool to do that, to declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (2 Peter 2:9), we have the the effective word, the word of God, don't close your mouth, you have a purpose and we have to talk, and preach, and say what the Lord want us to say, what is established, what is written, not whatever comes to your mind nor what you feel like, but what is written and that is what we have to announce, that which is written in His word, the bible.

Another characteristic of the ambassador is that he says where he comes from so people will know about that place. But you can not show to others something that you don't know so to be able to show God to others you have to know Him and for this you have to have communion in privacy with God and get close to His word, and He will reveal himself to us and once He does that we can let others know about God and how He is, we can not keep that to ourselves because that would be selfish, we have to announce and talk to others about Him. How will people believe if no ones talks to them about God? There is people that still do not know about the Lord, that is why the bible says: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15).

We are focusing in our problems and stopping from doing the purpose for which God has put us in this land, to announce the gospel to all is what the Lord told us to do. Are you doing that? Are you preaching? Are you talking about the gospel? How many people have come to the Lord because of you preaching to them? It is difficult yes but that has to make us do it even more, we have a great commision, you and me, to preach the word.

Another characteristic of an ambassador is that has to be brave, the ambassador mustn't care about what people will say in the place where he is at, he is going to represent his country regardless of what others say. The bible talks a lot about being brave, God said to Joshua to Be strong and of a good courage (Joshua 1:9). It is not easy, people is going to criticize you, they are going to be against you but don't worry, the Lord is with you, be strong

and get courage, we don't have a spirit of cowardice. What should I fear?. The true love moves away all fear (1 John 4:18). Let's live with faith, believing and being brave, preaching regardless of what others will say. In these times we are living are the last days, the evil will increase and we have to be even more brave to reveal the truth that is Jesus Christ because the truth is what will make free those who are condemned. What matters is what God says about you not what other people say about you, so be brave. Paul said: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21). It sounds hard but is the reality, Jesus calls you to follow him, Jesus said that all those that do His will are His family, and if someone loves more his or her family than the Lord is not worthy of following Him. God must be in the first place in our lives and if your family loves you they should accept you as you are.

My call is to serve God, who do you want to please? Wife, by your testimony talk to your husband about God, you have to know clearly what your priority is. Is your your work your priority? Will that make you a good ambassador if your priority are others instead of God? The Lord wants a church without stain nor wrinkles (Ephesians 5:27), in holiness, a church that has things clear and know who they serve. You are not alone, the Lord said, I will be with you all days till the end of the word (Matthew 28:20), be brave, greater is the one that is within you than the one that is against you, (1 John 4:4) and your fight is a spiritual fight not one against flesh, (Ephesians 6:12). Pray and watch to avoid temptation (Matthew 26:41), temptations are from the enemy, the tempter. In your need, in the trial, is when the enemy will tempt you but stay firm, be brave, you are not alone, the Lord is with you. Satan has no authority over us.

Jesus prayed for the faith of Peter, the Lord will allow the enemy to do things but to make us stronger in the Lord, He is with us. He did not leave Job, He did not abandoned him and thanks to all Job went through he himself said: My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you (Job 42:5) When things happen is for us to put all in front of the Lord and see His victory, because we are more than conquerors in Jesus, (Romans 8:37), that is why Paul said: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Philippians 4:13).What am I going to be afraid of? What am I going to be anxious about? God has control about all things, look for the kingdom of God first. (Matthew 6:33).

God demands of you to do His will. Are you doing that? , What is your priority? Are you going to present each day to your creator? The one that has control over everything, all things are possible for God, (Luke 1:37), we are His ambassadors. Are we doing a good job? Does people know who we are? Do they who we are by the way we act or the way we think? By the way you talk people will realize you are different. Do you go to church? Do you read the bible? For the word you may be strange, remember that for the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18), For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Romans 1:16). It says it is a power unto salvation, is not a power that benefits you for your desires or for your emotions, it is power for salvation of the souls, it is an extraordinary power that is out of understanding that which you and me have. The Lord will ask: What did you you with what I gave you? The Lord is going to ask you what you did with it. We must never be ashamed, if you are ashamed of the Lord He will be ashamed of you in front of the Father when He comes back with His angels , that is what

the bible says. May God never be ashamed of us because we never will be ashamed of Him. I will show that I am ambassador of Christ everywhere I am and I will show it in everything, we can not have two faces, we have to change, we are a new creature in Jesus.

Another characteristic of an ambassador is that he knows he does not belong to the place where he has been sent, he is only there to represent his country. You and me don't belong to this world, Jesus prayed to the Father for Him to keep them, they were in the world but they were not from this world (John 17:11). Don't hang on to the things of the world because they will pass. We are citizens of the kingdom of heaven therefore my eyes are set on there because in the world all is temporary and those that have Jesus have everything. We have Jesus, the peace that transcends all understanding, (Philippians 4:7), the joy and happiness do not come from what we have but from who we are and that joy comes from the Lord, and nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35).

Do you realize of who we are and what we do in this world? God is good; and praise be to Him for the salvation, for who we are. Thanks be given to the Lord for the salvation, salvation that comes from accepting Jesus as your personal saviour, is the greater present, if you confess with your mouth and accept Jesus you will be safe, by love. We have salvation but we have to take this message to other people for them to believe in our Lord Jesus. If you don't do the things we should do as ambassadors there are consequences, God forgives but disobeying Him bring consequences so let's be obedient, the consequences of this obedience are the blessings from the Lord.

Matthew 7:21- 23. The will of the Father, that is the difference, is not just what comes from the mouth out, but to do the will of the Father. We read here that Jesus said: I don't know you. There is power in the Name of Jesus but He is saying to those in the verse, you are not really representatives of me, you spoke but what you said was the opposite to what you did. What we say let's be the same that what we do, the bigger testimony is your behaviour in your house, with your friends, in your work. God knew and knows all and that is why He said in this verse: I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!

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their mouth but did something different. Let's be true sons and daughters of God whenever we are, at work, at home, wherever you go, He is with us every day till the end of the day so let's really represent Him and preach the word as He wants, let's think as He want us to think, that everything we do be to bring glory to Him because we are going to be here only for a short time, is temporary, is nothing compared to eternity and this years we live here will determine your eternity. Praise to God we are saved, but there are people that are outside and they are losing this salvation, we have to take this message to them whenever we are.

Thank God because one day somebody talked to you about the Word of God, it was a brave person that did not care what you could say but preached to you and God's Spirit touch you and made you humble in His presence. I will never forget the day that I accepted Jesus, I felt the Lord forgiving me, that my guilt left, I felt fire inside and the power of God made me cry. It is an experience that all of us that have accepted Jesus have experienced, do not hide that, let's preach to others, talk about Jesus, live for Jesus, that all you do be for the Lord, and then He will say: Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things (Matthew 25:23)

Thank you Lord for your word, thank you for the purpose that you have given us, not to be rich or very wise men or to please men but to preach the gospel. If they did things against you we will also go through bad things, blessed be the one that suffers because of the gospel.

We don't belong to this world and you won't be accepted in this world. People will go to celebrate carnival but we must live in holiness and far from all of that, be light in the middle of the darkness and tell our family why we don't participate of these parties, because we are chosen by God. In the world you are not going to fit in but Jesus has accepted you, God has accepted you as you are and has made you a new creature, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9) He takes control of our lives.

God help us, bring hunger and thirst for your word and let us humble before you, have time of relationship and communion with you because your Son has restored the communion of human beings with the Father and we have a High Priest that knows each one of us and intercedes for us. I ask you to touch every heart in this place and if someone does not know you today now is their day, it is the moment that the Lord has allowed for you to listen to His word, open your heart and you will see your life transformed and changed with joy in your life. Thank you Lord for all the ones that are here. I ask you for a blessed week and give us the opportunity to preach the word and to talk about the love you have for this world. We leave our lives in your hands, in the mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

