



KINGDOM AMBASSADORS

"THEREFORE WE ALSO HAVE AS OUR AMBITION, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT, TO BE PLEASING TO HIM. 10 FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD. 11 THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN, BUT WE ARE MADE MANIFEST TO GOD; AND I HOPE THAT WE ARE MADE MANIFEST ALSO IN YOUR CONSCIENCES. 12 WE ARE NOT AGAIN COMMENDING OURSELVES TO YOU BUT [ARE] GIVING YOU AN OCCASION TO BE PROUD OF US, SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE [AN ANSWER] FOR THOSE WHO TAKE PRIDE IN APPEARANCE AND NOT IN HEART."

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-12 NASB



1. OUR MOTIVE: *To PLEASE HIM IN LOVE*

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.



*"LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION
OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT, O
LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER."*

- PSALM 19:14 NASB



"FOR AM I NOW SEEKING THE FAVOR OF MEN, OR OF GOD? OR AM I STRIVING TO PLEASE MEN? IF I WERE STILL TRYING TO PLEASE MEN, I WOULD NOT BE A BOND-SERVANT OF CHRIST."

- GALATIANS 1:10 NASB



FOR IF WE ARE BESIDE OURSELVES, IT IS FOR GOD; IF WE ARE OF SOUND MIND, IT IS FOR YOU. 14 FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS US, HAVING CONCLUDED THIS, THAT ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEREFORE ALL DIED; 15 AND HE DIED FOR ALL, SO THAT THEY WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM WHO DIED AND ROSE AGAIN ON THEIR BEHALF. 16 THEREFORE FROM NOW ON WE RECOGNIZE NO ONE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH; EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE KNOWN CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, YET NOW WE KNOW [HIM IN THIS WAY] NO LONGER. 17 THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, [HE IS] A NEW CREATURE; THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME.”

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:13-17 NASB



“BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, AND DO GOOD, AND LEND, EXPECTING NOTHING IN RETURN; AND YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE SONS OF THE MOST HIGH; FOR HE HIMSELF IS KIND TO UNGRATEFUL AND EVIL [MEN.]”

- LUKE 6:35 NASB



“NOW ALL [THESE] THINGS ARE FROM GOD, WHO RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION, 19 NAMELY, THAT GOD WAS IN CHRIST RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND HE HAS COMMITTED TO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION.”

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 NASB



2. OUR MINISTRY: *RECONCILIATION*

“and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”



“BEHOLD, THE LORD'S HAND IS NOT SO SHORT THAT IT CANNOT SAVE; NOR IS HIS EAR SO DULL THAT IT CANNOT HEAR. 2 BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE MADE A SEPARATION BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD, AND YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN [HIS] FACE FROM YOU SO THAT HE DOES NOT HEAR.”

- ISAIAH 59:1-2 NASB



“FOR IT WAS THE [FATHER'S] GOOD PLEASURE FOR ALL THE FULLNESS TO DWELL IN HIM, 20 AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF, HAVING MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS; THROUGH HIM, [I SAY,] WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN. 21 AND ALTHOUGH YOU WERE FORMERLY ALIENATED AND HOSTILE IN MIND, [ENGAGED] IN EVIL DEEDS,”

- COLOSSIANS 1:19-21 NASB



“YET HE HAS NOW RECONCILED YOU IN HIS FLESHLY BODY THROUGH DEATH, IN ORDER TO PRESENT YOU BEFORE HIM HOLY AND BLAMELESS AND BEYOND REPROACH 23 IF INDEED YOU CONTINUE IN THE FAITH FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND STEADFAST, AND NOT MOVED AWAY FROM THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL THAT YOU HAVE HEARD, WHICH WAS PROCLAIMED IN ALL CREATION UNDER HEAVEN, AND OF WHICH I, PAUL, WAS MADE A MINISTER.”

- COLOSSIANS 1:22-23 NASB



*“IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, BE AT
PEACE WITH ALL MEN.”*

- ROMANS 12:18 NASB



*“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. 21 HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW
NO SIN [TO BE] SIN ON OUR BEHALF, SO THAT WE
MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN
HIM.”*

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21 NASB



3. OUR MISSION

“we are ambassadors for Christ”



*"PEACE [BE] WITH YOU; AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,
I ALSO SEND YOU."*

- JOHN 20:21 NASB

