

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS - 4

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“AMBASSADORS & AGENTS OF RECONCILIATION”

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THE LORD'S PRAYER – PART 15

Five Dimensions of our Identity as people of the Kingdom of God

1. We are Presence of God Bearers – Literally we carry His glory in jars of clay
2. Bringers of Light in the midst of darkness
3. Guardians of God's Word
4. Agents of reconciliation
5. Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God

2 Corinthians 5

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. **11** Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. **12** We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. **13** If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **15** And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. – NIV

2 Corinthians 5

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.— NIV

2 Corinthians 5

Romans 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. **6** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – NIV

1 John 4:**7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **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.

God's Love Poured into our hearts

➤ God pours His love into us!

2 Coritnhians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – NIV

2 Corinthians 5

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. – NIV

2 Corinthians 5

20 We 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. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – NIV

House Church Reflection

➤ Discussion

- What spoke to you most in the message this morning?
 - How will you apply this truth in your life?
- Take a moment to have a time of prayer & praise: Ask God to fill you again with His love!