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Part 2: Sent in His Name

As followers of Jesus, we are not just recipients of His grace—we are representatives of His kingdom. Christ has entrusted us with His message and empowered us to act *in His name*.

Like ambassadors who carry the authority of their sending king, we are sent into the world to reflect His character, speak His truth, and extend His invitation of reconciliation to all.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Introduction

Last week, we stood in awe of the name that is above every name—the name of Jesus.

We learned that His name carries **authority**, **power**, and **peace**, and that when we live in His name, we don't move in our own strength, but in His.

But here's the incredible next step: Jesus doesn't just call us to live *under* His name—He calls us to go *in* His name.

We are not only followers; we are representatives. We don't just bear His name privately; we carry it publicly into every space we enter.

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul writes, ***“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”***

An ambassador is someone who represents the authority of another, sent into a foreign land to speak and act on behalf of their ruler. They don’t speak their own opinions; they speak the will of the one who sent them.

That’s what it means to be sent *in His name*. You carry His authority, His message, and His heart into your home, your workplace, your school, and your community.

Every conversation becomes an opportunity to reveal His love. Every act of kindness becomes a reflection of His kingdom.

So as we continue this series, *In His Name*, today we’re going to look at what it means to live as **ambassadors of Christ**—men and women who are sent in His name, representing His mission and embodying His message in a world that desperately needs His hope.

Before we can understand what it means to be *sent* in His name, we have to first understand *why* we were sent—and that begins with who we are.

You see, no ambassador chooses themselves. They don’t wake up one morning, print a badge, and declare, “I speak for the King.”

They are *appointed*—personally chosen and commissioned to represent their ruler’s heart and purpose.

And that’s exactly what God has done for us. Before we were ever sent into the world, we were *called by name* and *chosen by grace*.

The mission begins with identity—because until you know who you are, you’ll never understand what you’re called to do.

That's where Paul begins in 2 Corinthians 5:18–19: ***“All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”***

Let's start there—with the truth that every calling begins with being chosen by the King.

1. Chosen by the King

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:18–19

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[a] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Before ambassadors can be sent, they must first be chosen. And that's where our story begins—not with our decision to follow Jesus, but with His decision to call us.

Paul writes, ***“All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*** Before we ever spoke His name, He spoke ours. Before we ever represented Him, He redeemed us.

You see, God didn't just save you from something—He saved you for something. Just as Jesus told His disciples in John 15:16, ***“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.”***

Our calling as ambassadors begins with that truth: we are chosen by the King Himself.

That means your identity comes before your assignment. You represent Jesus not because you've earned the right or proven your worth, but because He has appointed you by grace.

When a king selects an ambassador, that person carries the full weight of the king's name and authority. Every word they speak, every step they take, every decision they make reflects the one who sent them.

In the same way, when God chose you, He entrusted you with His reputation in the world.

Paul says in Ephesians 1:4 that God ***“chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.”***

That means your life has divine purpose written all over it—long before you ever took your first breath.

And that truth changes how we live. You don't walk into work as “just another employee.” You walk in as a representative of the Kingdom of God.

You don't sit in your classroom or your home wondering if your life matters—you live as someone chosen by the King to reflect His heart to the people around you.

Every interaction, every act of kindness, every word of encouragement becomes an opportunity to display His character.

So before we rush into what we're sent *to do*, we have to remember who *we are*.

We are chosen by the King—not just to bear His name, but to embody His love. You were chosen to carry His message of reconciliation into a world that's desperate to be made whole.

2. Sent with His Message

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:19–20

¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[a] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

When a king sends his ambassador, that representative doesn't carry their own opinions or personal agenda. They speak on behalf of the one who sent them.

And Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:19–20, “*He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.*”

That word *reconciliation* is at the heart of the gospel—it **means to restore what was broken, to bring peace where there was division, to make enemies into family.**

Through Jesus, God reconciled the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us.

And now, He sends *us* to carry that same message—to be living reminders that no one is too far gone, no heart is too hard, no story is too broken for the grace of God.

When you think about it, that’s a staggering responsibility. God is literally making His appeal through *you*.

When you speak words of forgiveness, He is speaking through *you*.
When you choose to love instead of retaliate, He is revealing His heart through *you*.

When you share the gospel, encourage a friend, or extend kindness to someone overlooked, you are doing the work of reconciliation—helping to bridge the gap between heaven and earth, between God and humanity.

But let's be honest: that calling can feel heavy.

We wonder, *Who am I to represent Jesus? What if I don't have the right words? What if I mess it up?* And yet, God never asked us to be perfect ambassadors—only faithful ones.

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 12:11–12: ***“Do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”***

You're not sent alone, and you're not sent empty-handed. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now lives in you, empowering you to speak truth with grace and love with courage.

So, what does that look like in everyday life? It looks like being the first to forgive when conflict arises. It looks like showing compassion to those who disagree with you.

It looks like inviting someone to church or sharing your testimony even when it feels awkward.

Each of those moments becomes sacred ground—an opportunity for heaven to touch earth through you.

Every Christian is a missionary, whether they ever leave their hometown or not. Wherever you go—the grocery store, the classroom, the office, the coffee shop—you carry the message of reconciliation.

You are a living invitation, a walking testimony of what grace can do. And the world desperately needs to hear that message through people who live like it's true.

So, church, remember this: **you are not just chosen by the King; you are sent with His message.** You don't go with your own wisdom, but with His Word.

You don't speak on your own authority, but in His name. And through your words, your actions, and your love, God is still making His appeal to a lost and hurting world: "Be reconciled to Me."

3. **Sent to the Ends of the Earth**

Text: Acts 1:8

So far, we've seen that we are chosen by the King and sent with His message. But Jesus doesn't stop there. He tells His disciples in Acts 1:8, ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."***

This verse reminds us that being sent in His name has both **scope** and **strength**. The scope is wide—the call isn't just to people like us, in places familiar to us.

It's to our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and even to the ends of the earth. Wherever there is need, wherever there is brokenness, we are sent.

Jesus doesn't limit His ambassadors by comfort, convenience, or familiarity. We are sent to where He calls, and the mission stretches far beyond our own expectations.

But here's the beauty: He doesn't send us alone or under our own power. Acts 1:8 also promises power—the Holy Spirit comes upon us so that we can be His witnesses.

This is the same Spirit that empowers us to speak truth with boldness, to love sacrificially, and to live courageously in a world that often resists the message of Jesus.

We are not sent in fear or in uncertainty. We are sent with the authority, the power, and the presence of Christ Himself.

Think about it: you might feel ordinary, unprepared, or even unworthy—but the Spirit equips ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things in His name.

When you share His love with a neighbor, when you mentor a student, when you show grace to a difficult coworker, you are living out your calling to the ends of the earth—starting right where you are.

Being sent in His name means that distance, difficulty, or opposition cannot limit the reach of God's kingdom.

The King's mission is bigger than your comfort zone, and the Spirit's power is greater than any challenge you will face.

Wherever you go, God is calling you to represent Him faithfully, and He promises to provide everything you need along the way.

So as ambassadors, we are not just called to our immediate circles. We are called to the full scope of His mission—empowered by the Spirit,

carrying the message of reconciliation, and representing the King faithfully to everyone He sends us to.

Conclusion

We've seen that following Jesus isn't just about receiving His grace—it's about being sent in His name.

First, we are **chosen by the King**. Before we ever did anything, He picked us, redeemed us, and called us to reflect His heart in the world. That identity is our foundation.

Then we are **sent with His message**. We carry the ministry of reconciliation wherever we go, speaking and acting on His behalf. Every word of forgiveness, every act of love, every effort to build bridges of peace is a chance for God to work through us. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:20, God is making His appeal through us—He is using our lives to invite the world back into relationship with Him.

Finally, we are **sent to the ends of the earth**—empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry His mission far beyond our comfort zones.

Acts 1:8 tells us that the Spirit gives us power to be His witnesses everywhere, from our homes to our neighborhoods, from our workplaces to the ends of the earth.

Wherever God calls us, He also equips us. We are not sent alone.

This week, think about what it means to live as an ambassador of Christ.

Walk into each day remembering that you are **chosen, that you are sent, and that you are empowered.**

When you speak words of encouragement, show grace in conflict, or step out to love someone unexpected, you are living sent in His name.

You don't need your own strength, cleverness, or wisdom—His authority, presence, and Spirit go with you.

Every small act of faithfulness is part of a greater mission. Every step you take in obedience is part of the King's plan.

And as you represent Jesus wherever you go, you are reminding the world that reconciliation, hope, and love are not just ideas—they are alive, and they are available through Him.

Let's pray together.