

# AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-21



## Ambassador for Christ Part 3

**Subtitle: Workers Together With God**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Scriptural References:**

**2 Corinthians 5:9-21**

**2 Corinthians 6:1**

### Recap From Previous Weeks

In the **first week** of this series, we focused on **2 Corinthians 5:9-11**.

It was explained that the role of an ambassador for Christ is one whose aim it is to be well-pleasing to God.

In **week two** we turned attention to **2 Corinthians 5:12-15**.

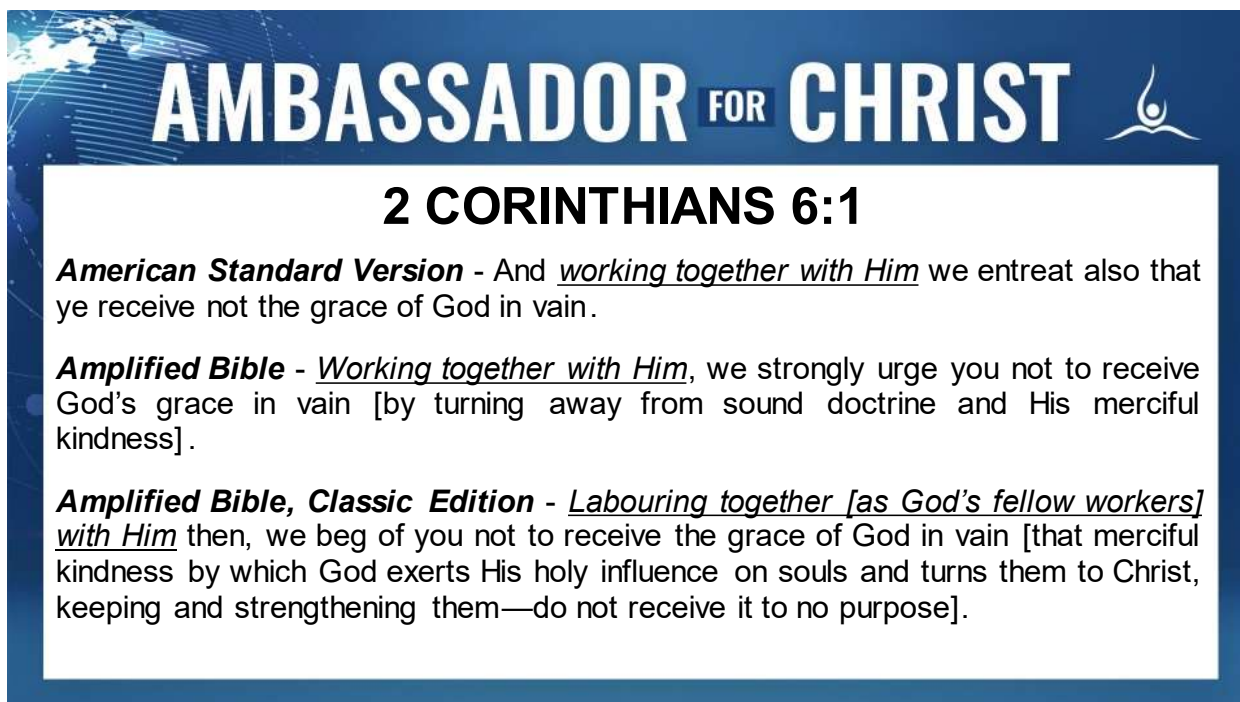
We learned that the ambassador's life, ministry, and message must touch the heart and not be superficial.

## Introduction

This newsletter will focus on **2 Corinthians 5:16**.

**2 Corinthians 6:1 says:** “We then, [as] workers together [with Him] also plead with [you] not to receive the grace of God in vain.”

Please see other versions below:



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**2 CORINTHIANS 6:1**

**American Standard Version** - And working together with Him we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

**Amplified Bible** - Working together with Him, we strongly urge you not to receive God's grace in vain [by turning away from sound doctrine and His merciful kindness].

**Amplified Bible, Classic Edition** - Labouring together [as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them—do not receive it to no purpose].

As an ambassador, you dare not do or say that which is different to which you were sent. If you do, you will be recalled.

We don't work for God, we work *with* God; we are partners with God, in Christ, via the Holy Spirit.

## Working with God

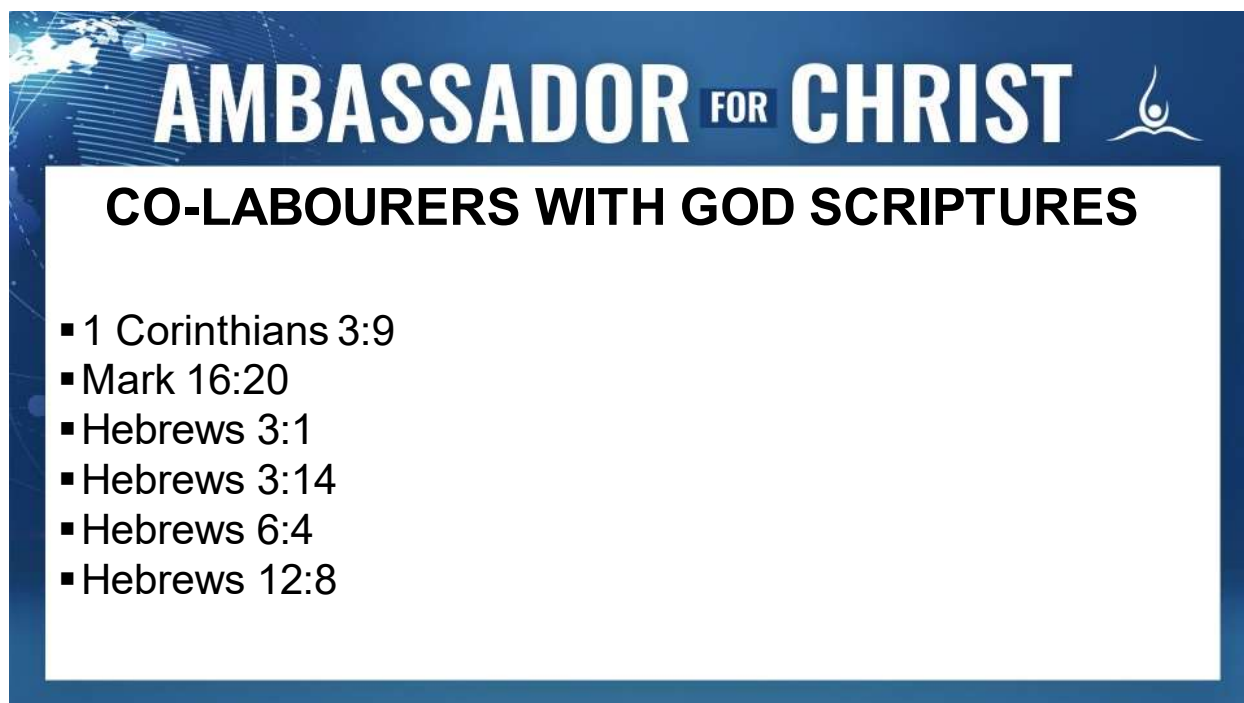
If we are truly ambassadors for Christ representing His kingdom, it is because we are working for God and working together with God.

“We don't just work for God, but we work together with God.” – *Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church Woolwich.*

We are working for God as partners with God, in Christ, via the Holy Spirit (read **1 Corinthians 3:9**).

Also read: **1 Corinthians 3:9, Mark 16:20, Hebrews 3:1, Hebrews 3:14, Hebrews 6:4, Hebrews 12:8.**

**Other scriptures to back up our co-labouring:**



The term 'follower' is a term of accountability. We work together with God for God's interests.

**Live By The Spirit!**

We are often taught that we have the Holy Spirit, but we are not really taught how to let the Holy Spirit take control.

The reason is because Christians are not taught to live by their *regenerated* human spirit, but rather to suppress their souls. This is an impossible feat!

However, the Bible teaches that when you yoke yourself to Christ and live the crucified life, the soul is restricted, and your regenerated human spirit is now in control.

A man or woman who is living the crucified life and the regenerated human spirit is in control, can say **2 Corinthians 5:16**:

“Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer.”

“To not regard or know man or Christ according to the flesh is to now know man and Christ according to the Spirit in our human spirit!” – *Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church Woolwich.*

This is what pleases God whom we:

1. **Work for!**
2. **Work with!**
3. Allow to crucify **self** as “God in Christ as the Holy Spirit” regulates our **human spirit** within us.

Why, you might ask?

Because of **1 Corinthians 1:29**: *“That no flesh should glory in His presence.”*

For more context, read **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**.