

WE ARE AMBASSADORS

2 Corinthians 5:20 ²⁰ *We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God. (TLB)*

What is my role as an ambassador?

1. Being an ambassador of Christ means I'm a representative of Christ to the world.

2 Timothy 1:9 ⁹ *God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose. (NKJV)* **Romans 1:7a** *"We (the redeemed) are called to be his people." (NLT)*

John 15:15 *"We're called to be God's friends." (NIV)*

Ephesians 1:4 *"We're called to be holy." (NIV)*

1 Corinthians 1:9 *"We're called into fellowship with him and with one another." (NIV)*

2 Corinthians 5:20 *"We're called to speak for Christ as ambassadors." (NLT)*

Galatians 5:13 *"We're called to serve each other." (NLT)*

Colossians 3:15 *"We're called to live in peace." (NLT)*

Romans 8:29 *"We're called to become like Christ." (NIV)*

1 Peter 2:21 *"We're called to suffer for him." (NIV)*

Luke 6:28 *"We're called to bless those who curse us." (NLT)*

1 Timothy 6:12 *"We're called to eternal life." (NLT)*

2 Thessalonians 2:14 *"We're called to share his glory." (NLT)*

Philippians 1:27a ²⁷ *Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. (NLT)*

Ephesians 4:1 *As a prisoner (servant) for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (NIV)*

2. Being an ambassador of Christ means I carry out the mission assigned by Christ.

John 17:18 ¹⁸ *Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. (NLT)*

Acts 20:24 ²⁴ *My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. (NLT)*

3. Being an ambassador of Christ means I've been given authority to speak on His behalf.

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ *Jesus came and told his disciples, I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.*

¹⁹ *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (NLT)*

4. Being an ambassador of Christ means I serve in a foreign culture that has a different philosophy, values, and principles than I have.

1 Peter 1:17 ¹⁷ *And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." (NLT)*

Philippians 3:19-20 ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. (NLT)