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*“We are **Ambassadors for Christ** as through God were making His appeal through us.”*  
2 Corinthians 5:20a

## **I. Our Position in the Kingdom (2 Cor. 5:20)**

- A. “We are Ambassadors (*presbeuo*) for Christ” – What does this mean?
- B. It’s not about us – it’s about HIS KINGDOM!
- C. More than just salvation – Ambassadorship! (Eph. 2:19)
  - 1) Paul – ambassador for Jews – becomes ambassador for Christ (Acts 9:15 – 22)
  - 2) Jesus as an ambassador for God (John 20:21 – 23)
  - 3) Bonhoffer – Pastor/Leader in the German church during Nazism

## **II. Our Place We Cherish (2 Cor. 5:1 – 4)**

- A. An ambassador knows their HOME country!
  - 1. “A building from God”
  - 2. “An eternal house in heaven”
  - 3. “Not built by human hands”
- B. An ambassador yearns for their home country
- C. We don’t desire to change our citizenship but to represent our REAL home

## **III. Our Purpose as Ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:5-10)**

- A. An Ambassador serves in the authority of the one who sent them
- B. God has created us for this and has given us the power to do it!
- C. We live by faith in great confidence as we share His message
- D. We make it our goal to please God because everyone will be held accountable

## **IV. Our Program to the World (2 Cor. 5:11 – 20)**

- A. An ambassador speaks ONLY the message from the King (John 12:49)
- B. We are called to persuade people to fear the Lord
- C. Christ’s love compels us because we know that Christ died for everyone (John 13:34)
- D. We are to challenge people to not live for themselves but Christ. (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20)
- E. Ultimately, God is making His appeal through us!