

## AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

### Definitions and Terms Related To An Ambassador:

Greek word: “presbeuo” – “a senior representative; a preacher; elder presbyter”

Hebrew word: “tsiyr” – “a herald; errand-doer; a messenger”

Webster’s: “a high ranking diplomatic representative appointed by one country or government to represent it in another”; a special representative sent on a special diplomatic mission; an official agent”

Grolier Encyclopedia: “An ambassador is the HIGHEST RANKING DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE of one country to another. He or she is entitled to deal directly with the king, president or other head of state”

Diplomat: is a representative of a government who conducts relations with another government in the interests of his own country; their duties, functions and roles vary

Embassy: is the official residence or offices of an ambassador in a foreign country. It also represents a person or group sent on an official mission, carrying an important errand or message to a foreign government

“A wicked messenger falls into evil, but **a faithful ambassador brings healing**”; Proverbs 13:17; see also Hosea 6:1-2

“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, **we** (as “sent ones”) **are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God”; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

“And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which **I am an ambassador** in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak”; Ephesians 6:19-20

### God’s Ambassadors Come And Go With Their Message; Ezekiel 44:15-31:

A. Ambassadors for Christ **come and go** into the presence of the King; **this is a pattern for their lives**. They are intimate with Him, having dined at His table. After they “come unto Him”, then He tells them to “go” in His name; Matt. 11:28-30. Mark 16:15.

B. Because they minister first to HIM, they are then able to minister effectively to others.

C. They have been given a high level of trust and responsibility; 1 Corinthians 9:16-17

### Kingdom Principles Concerning God’s Ambassadors:

1. God’s ambassadors communicate exactly what the King tells them. The Gospel message runs contrary to popular opinion / religious thinking; Gal. 1:6-10; Rev. 22:18-19

2. God’s ambassadors are strangers in this world; 1 Peter 2:11. Their true citizenship is in the Kingdom of Heaven: “But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven, and from it also we earnestly and patiently await the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, as Savior”; Philippians 3:20

3. God’s ambassadors not only deliver their message, they also demonstrate the authority of the Kingdom from which they are sent; 1 Corinthians 2:4

4. God’s ambassadors must be thoroughly acquainted with the ethics, principles and standards of the Kingdom that they represent; Mark 4:11; John 8:32

5. God's ambassadors communicate the written and spoken language of Heaven; Acts 20:27. They exercise good judgment, and have a broad spectrum of the knowledge of their King and their country; 1 Corinthians 2:2-5; Philippians 3:10; 1 John 2:14
6. God's ambassadors are His representatives within the "alien culture" of Earth. Their lifestyle and behavior exhibit the character and virtues of a Heavenly Kingdom; Galatians 5:22-25; 1 Timothy 3:1-7
7. Because ambassadors are "sent" by the King, they have special protection provided to them from the country (Kingdom of Heaven) that they serve; Psalm 91:11; Hebrews 1:14
8. God's ambassadors have an urgency to deliver the message of reconciliation, made available through the Cross of Jesus Christ; 1 Cor. 1:23-24. They do this in a way that accurately reflects the country that they represent; Nehemiah 2:7-9; 1 Sam. 21:8; John 9:4
9. The ambassador's goal is to bring peace (between God and man); Eph.6:15; Matthew 5:9, and he presents the benefits of God's Kingdom to others; Matthew 6:33; John 10:10
10. God's ambassador depends upon the economy of the nation that he represents to sustain him, not the economy of the nation that he is sent to; Philippians 4:19; Haggai 2:8
11. An ambassador for Christ is not careless or indifferent about how he conducts himself or what he communicates. He is a faithful steward, whose primary concern is the affairs of the country he represents (the Kingdom); Matthew 12:36; John 14:10; Titus 2:1,7-8
12. God's ambassadors exercise wisdom; they "monitor events" of the foreign country to which they are sent. They are privy to government secrets; they are informed and aware, but do not disclose everything they know; Matthew 7:6; James 3:2-3
13. God's Ambassadors have a ministry of reconciliation. "Man-made" boundaries and walls (of imprisonment) will not hinder them from reaching the people; 1 Cor. 9:19-23:
  - a. King Jesus has broken down the "wall of partition"; Ephesians 2:14
  - b. God has some "battering rams" who will knock holes in some walls (of bondage, oppression, captivity, ignorance), and will bring them down; Ezekiel 4:2; 21:22
  - c. When Joshua and the people shouted together "as one" the double walls around the city of Jericho came down; Joshua 6:29
  - d. In the book of Daniel, we see that God "writes on the wall"; Daniel 5:5
  - e. Joel's Army "climbs over the wall"; Joel 2:7-11
  - f. Ezekiel "dug through" the wall and saw idolatry in the Lord's house; Ezekiel 8:7-10
  - g. King David "leaped" over the wall; Psalm 18:29
14. God's ambassadors do not allow prejudice or personal bias to influence them in their assignment; Joshua 5:13-15; Acts 10:9-35; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:
  - a. Race is not an issue – Jesus is not a bigot; John 4:9-10
  - b. Gender is not an issue – In Christ there is neither male nor female; Galatians 3:28
  - c. Age is not an issue – They minister to the young and the mature; Song of Sol. 4:11
  - d. Geographical Location is not an issue – They are sent to every nation; Acts 1:8
  - e. Level of Education is not an issue – Peter and Paul were opposites; Acts 4:13; 22:3
  - f. Financial Condition is not an issue – Jesus gives us an abundant life; John 10:10
  - g. Physical Appearance is not an issue – God looks at the heart; 1 Samuel 16:7
  - h. Denomination is not an issue – They are not "exclusive or sectarian"; Eph. 4:4-6
  - i. Men's Doctrinal Preferences are not an issue – Colossians 2:20-22
  - j. Men's Traditions are not an issue – Galatians 1:14-16

