

Week of July 29-August 4

## **AMBASSADORS**

**Scripture Reading:** Read 2 Corinthians 5

*“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*

For those who were raised in the Assemblies of God, you may remember a time decades ago when the national youth ministry was known as “CA’s” (an abbreviation for “Christ’s Ambassadors”). The name was based on the Scripture verse above from 2 Corinthians 5. We even had our own theme song:

We are Christ’s Ambassadors;  
And our colors we must unfurl.  
We must wear a spotless robe,  
Clean and righteous before the world.  
We must show we’re cleansed from sin;  
And that Jesus dwells within,  
Proving daily that we’re truly  
Christ’s Ambassadors.

Ambassadors for Christ. So, what does that mean? In the world of government, the term usually applies to the highest ranking government official sent by one country to another to serve as its diplomatic residential representative. In the United States, ambassadors are nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

Paul viewed himself and his fellow apostles as representatives of Christ here on earth with a diplomatic mission to fulfill. They had been appointed by the heavenly government and confirmed by the Holy Spirit to bring an invitation and appeal to this world to be reconciled to God. Such reconciliation was necessary since the world, in its sin, had become God’s enemy. The appeal was issued on Christ’s behalf since it was through Christ that reconciliation was made possible: *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

Although Paul stressed the fact that he and the apostles were ambassadors for Christ, the truth is that all believers, in some way, are Christ’s ambassadors. We have all been entrusted with the same diplomatic mission of bearing good news to a world that desperately needs Christ. Since this is true, it’s important that we represent well the Savior who has appointed us. We cannot and dare not live in such a way that we cause the name of the Savior and the heavenly government over which he reigns to be harmed in its reputation by our poor behavior. Rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit, *“Proving daily that we’re truly Christ’s Ambassadors.”*

**Action Step & Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the privilege he has given you as His ambassador. Depend on His Spirit to be a fit representative of the heavenly government. Be open to today’s diplomatic mission from the King.

**Take-a-way:** *As Christ’s ambassadors, we are on a diplomatic mission for the King!*