

Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025

52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 42 - AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: 2 Corinthians 5:20

“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”.

As believers, we have momentous responsibilities and assignments. We are to be ambassadors for the King of kings. An ambassador is a representative. In order to truly represent our King with honour and integrity, we should know some of the common marks of an ambassador.

AN AMBASSADOR’S CITIZENSHIP

A true ambassador of Christ of Christ is one whose “citizenship is in Heaven” (Philippians 3:20). The Apostle John was exiled on the island of Patmos but he knew it was not where he was but **whose** he was that mattered most as he represented his Lord. Those who are truly Christ’s ambassadors are those who have passed from “death to life” (1 John 3:14) and from darkness into His wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9) by trusting in Christ alone by faith for their salvation. Hence, they may reside “in the world” but they are not “of the world” (John 17:13-17). They belong to another kingdom.

AN AMBASSADOR’S CHARACTER

Representatives from any country must be above reproach in character. Before they are appointed, they undergo the closest scrutiny imaginable. Their moral character, their financial dealings, their work record, their every word and deed come under the microscope. As representatives of Christ, we should possess the highest moral qualities.

AN AMBASSADOR’S CONDUCT

Ambassadors must not have divided loyalties or interests. They must be selfless in their approach to representing their country. The same certainly holds true for those of us who are ambassadors for Christ for Christ expects those of us who represent Him in our world to live for Him with conduct that becomes our office.

AN AMBASSADOR’S CONSISTENCY

Ambassadors must be consistent in their dealings with, and totally loyal to, their government. If not, their actions would be treasonous. I wonder if there are some ambassadors for Christ who should be tried for treason. Jesus saved us. He made us His own ambassadors, yet some have sided with the world’s crowd. God desires His ambassadors to be consistent in their Christian living.

AN AMBASSADOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

Effective ambassadors have mastered the art of communication. They are in constant communication with their government. At the same time, they constantly communicate with the leaders of the nation to which they have been assigned. Now if we are to be effective ambassadors for Christ, we ourselves must be in constant, daily contact with headquarters. We must also be communicating the wishes, desires, and commands of our Leader to those among whom we live. Otherwise we have fallen short of our calling and our task.

AN AMBASSADOR’S CONSIDERATION

Ambassadors are considered and chosen on the basis of their ability to be men and women of diplomacy. They are most effective when they are pleasing as they go about their work. We certainly would not want someone representing our nation who was abrasive and constantly agitating others. How much more should we, as Christ’s ambassadors, be pleasing as we go about our own work and witness. We should be the most appealing and welcoming people found anywhere. In fact, the Bible says we are to be “the aroma (fragrance) of Christ” to those around us (2 Corinthians 2:15). As Christ’s ambassadors, we have a single purpose: to “implore (others) on Christ’s behalf: (to) be reconciled to God”. This is our assignment. This is our task. In order to accomplish it, we must take on all the characteristics of an ambassador. We have been appointed by our King to be His ambassadors. Let’s make sure we live up to our calling.

As you memorise this verse, meditate on all the qualities of an ambassador and, as you go about your own work and witness this week, represent Him in a manner worthy of your calling.