

God's Ambassadors

Reconciliation in our lives is so important. When we fall out with someone, we are often miserable. We might have a sore heart. Do you remember what it felt like to be reconciled? Relationships have a strong influence on how we feel. When they are broken, life can be full of angst and darkness. Reconciliation brings light into our world.

In Corinthians 5: 18 –20 All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself through Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to God.

An ambassador is a resident representative for one country in another. In Christ's kingdom we are ambassadors, representing God. Our role is to bring Christ's message of reconciliation to the world. It is not our role to speak out or give opinions which are ours. Our task is to minister to others in ways which lead folk to be reconciled with God.

Our world needs Christ's ambassadors more than ever for it is so full of conflict and misery. It can be a very dark place for some who have inner turmoil, carry heavy burdens for themselves and their families, live with poverty or live in war zones to name but a few of the causes of distress.

God wishes Christians to bring peace and unity across the world. That is our ministry. As citizens in Heaven we are authorized to represent our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our role matters. To carry it out, we need to know His message and speak it as it is. We must live a holy life. We have the ability to live in the truest, most biblical sense. We should represent Christ in a way that is appropriate for and worthy of the role.

Prayer:

Lord, let us be worthy of the role you have given us as ambassadors of Heaven. Let us walk in Your ways, speak Your Word and lead others to be reconciled with You, our living God.

Amen