

Christian Ambassador Training

Introduction – Week 1

^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

v 17 -- In Christ/New Creation (Gal 3:24-29; 4:4-7; 2 Cor 4:6; Gal 6:4; Isa. 65:17-18)

v 21 – substitutionary atonement (1Pet 2:24; Isaiah 53)

v 18-20 – Ambassadorship and the Ministry of Reconciliation²

Reconcile/Reconciliation –

The Fall –

Saved for a _____

Message of Reconciliation = _____ (Eph 6:19-20)

Definition of an Ambassador:

Characteristics of an effective ambassador: (exercise on white board)

Imagine for a moment you received a call from the President asking you to select an ambassador to a foreign nation... let's say China.

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Essential Skills for an Ambassador

Applied to Christian Ambassadors

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Want the teaching notes? You can find them at objectivegospel.org under Training/Ambassador. There you will find the teaching notes from the 3 week Sunday seminar, and as much of this class material as I can put up for you. There is also a blog where you can ask questions (anonymously if you desire).

¹ For a great message on adoption as sons of God, listen to C.J. Mahaney’s *New Attitude* seminar message *God as Father* here: <http://www.thisisnext.org/resources/> (Listed under New Attitude 2008 Conference).

² Scripture references in this section in the order referenced: Isa. 53:10; Acts 2:23; Gal 3:13; Heb 4:15; John 14:6; Isa. 53:11; Rom 3:21-22; Rom 5:10-12; Eph 2:10; Eph 6:19-20