

## *Ambassadors for Christ*

*READ 2 Cor 5:11, 14-20*

### *NOTES*

This is where we get the name “Chi Alpha” from.

(Chi = Christ ; Alpha = Ambassador)

#### **Questions-**

1. What does it mean that we are Ambassadors for Christ?
2. Why do you think Paul used the word Ambassador?

#### *1.) Ambassadors Know what it is to Fear the Lord (vs11)*

Read also *Luke 9:26*

#### **Questions –**

1. Have you ever been afraid to witness to someone? Why?
2. Is being afraid to witness the same as being “ashamed of Jesus and His words?”

One of the **greatest hindrances to witnessing is ...**

Winkie Pratney gives the following help:

-Fear in witnessing is created by 3 basic factors:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

There are only 5 basic attitudes a sinner can adopt when witness occurs:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

#### *2.) Ambassadors Are Compelled By the Love of Christ (vs 14)*

A. This Concerns Our ...

B. And Our ...

Read *Eph 4:15*

-If we study How Jesus Witnessed-

- Always in ...
- Never ...

#### **Questions-**

1. Have you ever experienced someone “witnessing” in a way that misrepresented Christ?” Explain.
2. What other characteristics of Jesus should we emulate in our witnessing?

### **3.) Ambassadors Regard No One from a Worldly Point of View.**

-Christians must think ...

-C. S. Lewis, from The Weight of Glory - *“The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbour’s glory should be laid daily on my back... It is a serious thing... to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people.”*

#### **Questions-**

#### **NOTES**

1. Do you agree that we “all day long, in some degree, are helping each other to one or other of these destinations?” How?
2. Why is it difficult to maintain an “eternal perspective”?

### **4.) Ambassadors Are New Creations In Christ (vs 17).**

-You Have a Story - YOUR ...

-Be able to tell your story of giving your life to Jesus. Include:

1. What your life was like ...
2. How you came to ...
3. What you specifically ...
4. The changes that have transpired since ...

#### **Questions-**

1. Why are Personal Testimonies so powerful?

### **5.) Ambassadors Have Been Given The Message Of Reconciliation (vs 19)**

Read 2 Tim 2:15

#### **Questions-**

1. Have you ever been in a situation when you wished you knew more scripture?
2. Why would Paul call it shameful to “mishandle” the Word of Truth?

## 6.) *We ARE Therefore Christ's Ambassadors (vs 20)*

Winkie Pratney : *“You do not have to learn to be a witness. You already are a witness! You are a witness to whatever or whoever is foremost in your life. You are telling the world right now what god you really belong to.*

*Every day you are witnessing. What are you witnessing to? Your witness is the total package of your attitudes, character, and actions. It does not lie. No careful observer is fooled. What are you witnessing to? Whatever your god is, you will show the most interest in. If it is anything but Jesus, your closest friends already know. It will be the thing you like to talk most about, read most about, center your life on, love and live for: ...*

*If you call yourself a Christian, you have already been witnessing - for or against Him. If you have claimed to belong to Him, but your life does not back up your words, men and women have rejected Christ and the Gospel because of you. ... I know of no Bible plan that will enable you to present Christ to others without your own life being Christ-like. If you would be His witness, you must really KNOW Him to show Him.*

### **Questions-**

1. Are there any people in your life who may have seen or heard the “wrong picture” from you?
2. What practical things can you do this week to be a better Ambassador for Him?