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# Ambassadors

*Building Bridges for God's Kingdom*



**1. Love** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.17, 21)

*2 Cor. 5:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

<sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)

**2. Embrace** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.18-19)

**3. Start** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.20)



# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Who were some of the "ambassadors" God used to "implore" you to become a Christian? How did you initially interpret their concern for your spiritual state? How did your view of their "appeal" change after you became a Christian?
2. What are some of the fears or anxieties you encounter as you consider being used by God as a more forthright ambassador?

What is the "worst case scenario" if you, as a passionate yet diplomatic representative of Christ, became more vocal about the need for your friends to become Christians?

3. Imagine for a moment, if every single person who attends Compass Bible Church talked to at least three of their friends, neighbors, coworkers or family members about their need to be reconciled to God every single week for an entire year. Besides attendance, what do you think might be different about our church a year from now?
4. Describe possible levels of "engagement" with your non-Christian friends in the task of representing Christ?
5. Read **Ephesians 2:1-7**. If you are a Christian, describe your gratitude for being transferred from "death" to "life".

Who do you care enough about and feel the conviction to speak to about Christ this week? Pray for them and opportunities right now.

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0707 – **Designed to Grow: What We Need to Fulfill Our Calling**  
CD # 0620 – **Extending the Reach of the Lordship of Christ**  
CD # 0563 – **Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**  
CD # 0639 – **Christmas Lights: Shining Brightly for Christ**  
CD # 0560 – **Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task**  
CD # 0201 - 0204 – **Couriers For Christ** (a four-part series on Colossians 4:3-6)

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this week's schedule:

February 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Ex.33-34 & Mk. 13*  
February 11<sup>th</sup>  
*Ex.35-36 & Mk. 14*  
February 12<sup>th</sup>  
*Ex.37-38 & Mk. 15*  
February 13<sup>th</sup>  
*Ex.39-40 & Mk. 16*  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
*Lev.1-2 & Prov. 1*  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
*Lev.3-4 & Prov. 2*  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
*Lev.5-6 & Prov. 3*  
February 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Lev.7-8 & Prov. 4*

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.  
Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.  
Edwards, Jonathan. **Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990.  
Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.  
Hybles, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. Zondervan, 1994.  
Jeffery, Peter. **How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism**. Evangelical Press, 1997.  
Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.  
Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.  
Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.