



## “GOOD NEWS” AMBASSADORS

God’s original purpose in creating humankind was for them to rule as His “surrogate kings” of earth – the colony of His Kingdom of Heaven. Although Adam’s sin disqualified humans from reigning as God intended, God’s plan remains unchanged. The mission of Christ was to restore man’s lost earth dominion authority.

Jesus came to set free the subjects of Satan’s false kingdom and to restore the rule of the Kingdom of Heaven. The life and ministry of Jesus was about rescuing lost people and setting them free from the rule of God’s enemy. Jesus was given the power and authority of the Kingdom of Heaven to fulfill this mission.

The Good News of the Bible is this: The Kingdom of Heaven Is here! Jesus has completed His Messianic work of restoration. The followers of Christ are tasked with sharing this Good News of the Kingdom with a dark world that is full of despair and hopelessness. They are called to release the blessings of the finished work of Christ upon the sin-enslaved inhabitants of earth. This is the mission that every “born-again” follower of Jesus is called to undertake. This is the lifework of every person who calls himself a Christian.

Christ tells His followers, “*As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.*” (John 20:21) In the same way Jesus was sent with the power and authority of heaven, His royal ambassadors are vested with the authority of the king and the kingdom that they represent. Their main duty is to represent their kingdom, not their own agenda and self-interest. They speak and act in order to communicate their kingdom’s goals and purposes.

The Church of Christ (the collective identity and community of royal ambassadors) was founded on the bedrock foundation of the Sonship and Messiahship of Jesus Christ. Because of this foundation, the church has the power and authority of the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

The church also possesses the “keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.” This means that it can teach the principles, precepts, and systems by which the citizens may appropriate the benefits and privileges of the kingdom.

Christ’s followers engage in spiritual warfare in order to open the eyes of those who have been blinded by Satan, so they can understand the Good News and receive forgiveness and citizenship in God’s kingdom. The warfare that royal ambassadors fight is against spiritual powers. So, they are spiritually equipped and empowered to fight and win from a position of victory – the victory that Christ won at Calvary for all humanity.

As royal ambassadors, we are empowered will to work to make the influence of our King and His will in heaven known and felt throughout the earth realm. Wherever we go, we carry this mandate.

God re-created us to be His royal ambassadors to the rest of creation on earth. We are to live as His priests (living out His character and interceding for people in need of Him) and kings (exercising His heavenly dominion and authority). God’s kingdom is unique in that its citizens are not “subjects,” but they are God’s adopted children – royal heirs who are entitled to share in Christ’s inheritance. We fulfill our Kingdom mission when we employ Christ’s power and authority to set free the slaves of the kingdom of darkness, so they can enter God’s Kingdom of light.

We, who have responded to Christ’s call to follow Him, are the Body of Christ, His chosen people, His holy nation – a royal priesthood. We have been commissioned by Jesus as His royal ambassadors – His Kingdom representatives on earth. We have been tasked to bring His marvelous light – the Good News of the Kingdom – to this dark and dying world. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we have no priority greater and more urgent than this divine imperative. We have been re-born by the Holy Spirit for this very important life-mission. Christ Himself invites us to join Him in restoring lost earth to His eternal kingdom. This has been, and will always be, at the heart of His Messianic persona and must also be at the core of our earthly existence. Nothing matters more than the Kingdom of God and its revelation and fulfillment in our lives and our world. All other things are secondary.