

Who Are You? part 2

Last week, in [the first of this two-part message titled "Who Are You?"](#), I ended it with this sentence: *"If the brothers of Jesus were humble enough to consider themselves servants shouldn't we as well?"*

This week I want to discuss another title that the Apostle Paul discusses in the second book of Corinthians. It's a bit more upscale, so to speak than the lowly title of servant, but this doesn't mean we stop being servants.

After all, the best servants make the best Ambassadors...

2 Corinthians 5: 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

When we see ourselves as ambassadors for Christ, we shouldn't concern ourselves so much about what to say to someone. What matters most is that we seek God at that moment, knowing that He will give us the words to say. He will also fill you with

love that you do not have naturally when you seek Him first.

This motive and intention of serving God changes everything in the conversation. Here you are, a “servant of the Most High God”, aiming to please the Father.

Remember, “whatever you do”...

Colossians 3: 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

So it's no longer “Billy the salesman, just trying to make the sale.” it's “Billy the servant of God, serving the customers to meet their needs.” (Perhaps the customer doesn't need the product.) And if the customer or stranger has an unbearable burden on their heart, perhaps God is giving you the opportunity to introduce them to the One who can actually meet their desperate needs, as He met yours.

Ambassadorship is a full-time (all the time) position. With this title there is no “hat” that comes off after the Sunday message. Although the auto mechanic uniform comes on Monday morning, we're still wearing the invisible ambassador cap issued by God.

Would you like to excel in this position and perhaps be a more effective ambassador?

John 15: 5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

Have you read the entire Ambassador Manual yet?

I've found that in any position, regardless of industry, what makes for a successful term of employment is to be very knowledgeable and understand what the employer requires, the history of the organization, and generally what makes the boss happy. I'd think to myself, *"If I can please the Boss, I'm doing OK and He'll let me keep working."*

As you know, the Master has provided for us a Manual that is timeless and very helpful when it comes to fulfilling our duties. Your performance in the role of ambassador will be greatly enhanced when you regularly seek the Father's heart through His Book. For those that need help with the Book, see below.

Just remember that the wages are good...

***John 4: 34** Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. **35** You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' **But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. 36**The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! **37** You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. **38** I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."*

"Oh Lord, thank you for giving us life so that we can be set free to love you and serve you and enjoy the fellowship with you that you had intended from the very beginning. Help us to know what pleases you and teach us your ways. We want to serve you wholeheartedly Lord, please guide us in this life of service. In Jesus' name, amen"