

Grace "A growing Christian is an obedient Christian. More than a person who has enhanced religious thoughts and opinions, authentic growth results in active obedience."

Witness

"A growing Christian provides visible and verbal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

-2 Corinthians 5:20-21 ESV

To be an Ambassador means:

- Specific commissioning for a special assignment
- Representative of a sender
- Exercise authority on behalf of another

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As Ambassadors for Christ, we are to focus on...

Gospel Representation

I<sup>4</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; I<sup>5</sup> and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.
 —2 Corinthians 5:14-15 ESV

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<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.—Acts 1:8 ESV

As you sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

—John 17:18 ESV

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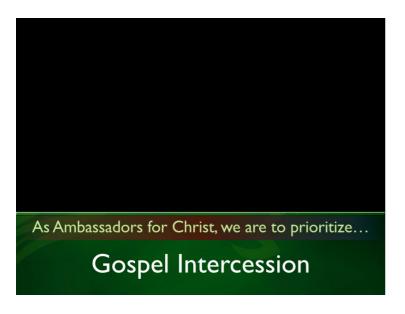
U.S. Population = 324,888,930

Fastest growing
U.S. religious group = "Nones"
71,475,564

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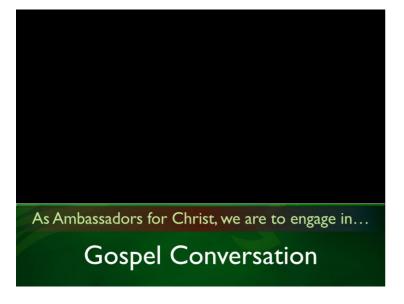
"An ambassador is both a messenger for and a representative of the one who sent him, and believers are messengers and representatives of the court of heaven. And just as an ambassador lives in a foreign land, so also do believers.

Though citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20), they represent their King in this world, where they live "as aliens and strangers" (I Peter 2:11). They proclaim to the lost, perishing rebels of this fallen world the good news that they can be reconciled to the Holy King of Heaven." —John MacArthur



I Timothy 2:1-6

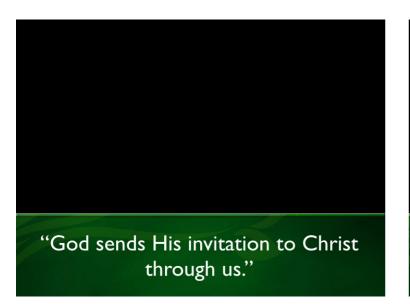
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"The present tense calls for continually making an appeal to those not yet reconciled and still at war with Almighty God and thus in desperate need of a 'permanent truce' or 'peace treaty' lest they pass on to the next world as God's enemies who will suffer eternal separation from Him and torturous imprisonment as 'war criminals'!"

—Barnes Commentary

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As Ambassadors for Christ, we are to work toward...

Gospel Celebration

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