

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

We have the prophetic word of **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** encouraging us that God called us, cleansed us, gave us the righteousness of Christ and sent us Ambassadors of Christ to reconcile the world to Him. This prophetic word sets the agenda for our lives in the world. The church is a witness to the world of the goodness, greatness and authority of Jesus Christ. As witnesses we are to portray to the rest of mankind what it means when a person fully trust God. Just like we have the likes of Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, the apostles, etc showing us that God blesses people who fully trust Him so we are being called to provide evidence of how God blesses those who trust Him and to get the world to learn how to trust in Jehovah.

God has called us in the order of Jesus Christ. We are separated to the word of God to fully trust in the scriptures so that the promises made to us may come to pass. This is the work of Ambassadors of God and that is why we are called witnesses of Christ. **Psalms 103:7** says that God revealed His ways to Moses and His works to the children of Israel. We have to note that when Moses gave himself to know the ways of God he enabled the Israelites to see the works of God. To know the ways of God is to know what pleases God and living your life to please Him. Then we are told in **Hebrews 11:6** that to please God is to come to God believing that He is available to reward them that diligently seek Him. Meaning we trust in His word and holdfast to His word in faith. We know from scriptures that anyone who believes God will see the works of God. **Hebrews 3:1-2** confirms that Moses was faithful in all that God required of Him. This is what provoked the awesome works of God that we so much celebrate and talk about. The ten wonders in Egypt, the opening of the Red Sea, the provisions in the desert and all the other miracles

were possible because Moses trusted God and was faithful to all the commands of God.

This is what Jesus came down to do. He trusted in God and the result was daily unprecedented signs and wonders. Jesus is calling us into similar position and the gospel confirms that (**John 14:12**). Trusting God is the supreme work of the saints of God. Every blessing is linked to our trust in God which causes us to obey the words of God.

Obedience is very easy where trust is gained. This is the number one overriding call of the Christian: to trust in God. We are faith-builders. We should be constantly seeking to build faith in God's word and obedience will be a natural response to our confidence in our God.

To build your faith is to separate entirely to the Word of God. We must daily seek to live by the Word of God (**Romans 1:1; John 17:17-19; Matthew 4:4**). We must give the word of God undivided attention; we must give the word of God first place in our lives; we must meditate constantly on the word of God; and we must speak and confess what the word of God says no matter our circumstances.

This will build the faith we need to trust God and then release the works of God all around us. God is found in the atmosphere of faith and He comes to such atmospheres with the fullness of His power and works. Impossible situations become possible and the miracles of the scriptures occur around us. This is what attracts the world to our God.

Our greatest gift to our world is our faith in our God. Creation is seeking for the manifestations of the sons of God. These sons of God are walking in full faith towards God and His works are evident in their lives. Paul's conversion to Christianity was as a result of series of encounters with God. His initial encounter with Jesus Christ was because of the pain of Christians. Paul was persecuting the Christians

and these were praying to their God. Jesus stepped in response to the needs of the church and the result was Paul seeing the Just One. In Damascus Paul, blinded by the encounter with Jesus Christ, was praying and saw Ananias come to lay his hands on him to heal him of the blindness. Paul will later testify about Ananias in **Acts 22:12** that he was a devout man of God. So the prayer of the saints and the lifestyle of devotion of Ananias was the combination that released the grace to save Paul.

We also see a combination of encounters coming together for Cornelius (the first gentile to be saved) and his entire household being saved. Cornelius treated the people of God with honour by His offerings and prayers. An angel linked Cornelius with Peter (a man of prayer) and the result was salvation to the gentiles which laid the foundation for the preaching of the gospel to the entire gentile world.

A third example is Philip in a city of Samaria. Though on exile in Samaria the man of God (Philip) still preached Christ to the city and brought many into the Kingdom of Christ as signs and wonders were seen. Bible says the works of God brought great joy in the City. This same Philip was sent by the Holy Spirit to minister to the Ethiopian Eunuch who was on his way to Africa. This man was saved on the way and certainly went to Africa to spread the gospel to Africans.

We have to note that in each of the four stories above we have people who were in the position to be used by God to unveil the works of God: Philip in Samaria; Ananias in Damascus; and Peter in Cornelius' house. These three were noted as separated unto God and had faith in their God. They knew the ways of their God and invoked the works of God that brought salvation to others. We are called as

Ambassadors of Christ and when we seek God's ways we will bring about the works of God in our land.