

**Expanding the Kingdom**  
**Ambassador Training School Part 1**  
**2 Cor. 5.17-20//Eph. 6.20**

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REVIEW: On the Real – Living in True Peace

*27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."*

*11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."*

Real peace and joy will:

1. Have no basis in a person, place or thing!
2. Produce good things but not be dependent upon them
3. Last when all else fails.

Student Sidebar: Genuine peace and joy will last longer than a semester!

Intro:

Welcome to the first session of Ambassador Training School. We have been called to be His ambassadors so we must learn from Him what He means. He is kind enough to use earthly language so that we can understand His wishes. I have found in building organizations-schools, colleges and churches, that when people don't have or understand their job descriptions problems follow. As believers we hear things preached but we don't know what they mean or what they require of us. But if you review the ministry of Jesus He spent three years training ambassadors or what we call disciples. They were commissioned to carry His message and represent different kingdom.

*John 18:36-38*

*36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." NASU*

**1. We are ambassadors**

God calls us to represent His kingdom and to pursue the kingdom agenda in the earth realm. His prayer was very simple – "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Jesus was the Chief Ambassador and came to establish

- What is an ambassador?

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An ambassador is the highest ranking diplomat that represents a nation and is usually accredited to a foreign sovereign or government, or to an international organization.

Sometimes countries also appoint highly respected individuals as Ambassador at Large who are assigned specific responsibilities, and they work to advise and assist their governments in a given area. The word is also often used more liberally for persons who are known, without national appointment, to represent certain professions, activities and fields of endeavor.

In everyday usage it usually applies to the ranking government representative stationed in a foreign capital. The host country typically allows the ambassador control of specific territory called an embassy, whose territory, staff, and even vehicles are generally afforded diplomatic immunity in the host country.

- Ambassador (GR) presbeuoo;- . to be older, prior by birth or in age

*Middle English ambassadour, from Anglo-French ambassadeur, ultimately of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German ambaht service*

- What did Paul mean?

*An ambassador was a mature person who was influential and could plead the case of the kingdom to others.*

### **2. What do ambassadors do?**

- Ministry of reconciliation

Call those outside the kingdom to come and be reconciled to God. Everyone can have citizenship in this kingdom.

- Word of reconciliation

We have been given something very specific to communicate. To plead for reconciliation

### **3. What must ambassadors know? Matt 6:10-12**

10 We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. 11 Give us our food again today, as usual, 12 and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. TLB

- What country, kingdom or domain they represent.

Heavenly kingdom – its invisible and in our hearts! Luke 10:9-10

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“The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

- What are the goals of their domain. Jn. 18.36

To rule the hearts of men and release the love, peace and power of God

*My kingdom is not of this realm."*

- What are the areas of connection between the place they represent and the nation or kingdom they live in.

In the future we will talk about the kinds of connections that we must make in order to succeed. Many years ago I begin meeting with a group of at risk boys in a Norfolk elementary school. My reasoning was this. In heaven there is no such thing as “at risk”. How do I transform the realities of one kingdom into another. By exerting my authority as an ambassador I determined the point of their need and my kingdom’s power. Transformation of the entire person.