

THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN AMBASSADOR

Ambassadors are representatives of the home country living abroad in the host country. Ambassadors are responsible for building diplomatic good will between the home country and the citizens of the host country. Likewise the Ambassador of Heaven represents the home country while living abroad in the host country and is tasked with building diplomatic relations with the citizens of the host country.

Therefore, Ambassadors must get to know the customs and the culture of the host country as well as how the indigenous people think. The more that the Ambassador understands the citizens of the host country, including their customs

and culture, the easier it will be for him or her to build rapport that will bridge the gap between the two countries.

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The message of reconciliation is the good news that God has reconciled humanity to Himself through Jesus Christ. This message is foundational to the biblical mandate of Ambassadors of Christ in fulfilling the Great Commission.

God's Initiative in Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

[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!"

TARGETING THE CONSCIENCE

The Threefold Nature of Man

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT)

[23] Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

The Body is the Biological Earth Suit that you must wear every day, which allows you to function on this planet. Just as an astronaut cannot operate in space without a spacesuit, we cannot operate on Earth without a Biological Earth-Suit. This suit comes complete with sensory perception ability that allows you to take in and process inputs with the aid of your central computer (brain).

The Spirit is the eternal, invisible part of man that comes directly from God. It is the Life and core essence of the person. The Spirit of Man is comprised of three distinct parts: Conscience, Communion, and Intuition.

The Conscience. The role of the conscience is to discern right from wrong and to judge the morality of actions and thoughts. It acts as the internal moral compass, guiding individuals in their ethical and moral decisions.

The Conscience in Action. The Conscience condemns actions that go against God's will and approves those that align with His righteousness. The conscience serves as a critical aspect of spiritual life, helping believers maintain a

pure heart and stay in alignment with God's standards.

The Communion. The role of the Communion refers to the ability of the spirit to fellowship with God. It is the spiritual function that enables direct and intimate communication with and worship of God.

The Communion in Action. Through communion, believers can worship, pray, and experience the presence of God. It is through this aspect of the spirit that one experiences the deep relationship with God, beyond mere intellectual or emotional understanding.

The Intuition. The intuition is the faculty of the human spirit where spiritual senses reside. It gives the ability for direct sensing or knowing and is independent of the mind or emotions. It is the spiritual faculty through which believers receive revelation and guidance from God.

The Intuition in Action. This inner knowing provides immediate and direct insights from the Holy Spirit, often without the need for rational explanation. It allows believers to perceive God's will and directions in their lives, acting on spiritual impulses and divine guidance.

The Soul is the other invisible and eternal faculty of man that sits between the spirit and the body acting as the intermediary

agency that processes data inputs from both the natural dimension through the five physical senses, and the spiritual dimension through the faculties of the spirit.

Why the Conscience is the Target?

When sharing the Message of Reconciliation with a person it is important that we understand what our target is. In order for the miracle of new birth and regeneration to occur it requires specific things on the part of the prospect.

1 | They Must HEAR the Gospel Message

Romans 10.17 - "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

The person must be presented with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They can't repent and place faith in Christ until they first "HEAR" the Good News. As Ambassadors of Heaven it is our responsibility to Proclaim the Good News to those within our sphere of influence.

2 | They Must RECOGNIZE their Need for Salvation

Romans 3.23

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Most people do not recognize their need of a savior until they encounter God at some level. When a person encounters the Living God, he/she immediately becomes acutely aware of their sin.

3 | They Must BELIEVE in Jesus Christ

John 3.16

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

4 | They Must REPENT of their Sins

Acts 3.19: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

5 | They Must **CONFESS** of Faith in Christ

Romans 10.9-10

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

When Good News is presented properly you will reach the Conscience of man, where Repentance is the natural result. But as long as you are only at the soulish level, Repentance will not happen because man's heart is defiled by sin and deceives him.

When there is an encounter with God we are automatically made acutely aware of our sin and separation from a Holy God.

Isaiah 6:1-5 (KJV)

[1] In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

*[2] Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. [3] And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. [4] And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone;***

***because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:** for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*