

**HELLO AND WELCOME TO  
AGGRESSIVE MINISTRIES A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS**

Online Ministry Teaching Center

We are on LESSON 3

This week's title is:

**WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!**

How does this happen? Only through our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we are going to be starting off in our Bibles in

**2 Cor. 5:14-21 THE VOICE version**

<sup>14</sup> You see, the controlling force in our lives is the love of the Anointed One. And our confession is this: One died for all; therefore, all have died. <sup>15</sup> He died for us so that we will all live, not for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose from the dead. <sup>16</sup> *Because of all that God has done*, we now have a new perspective. We used to show regard for people based on worldly standards and interests. No longer. We used to think of the Anointed the same way. No longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> All of this is *a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and* brought us into a restored *and healthy* relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us *the same mission*, the ministry of reconciliation, *to bring others back to Him*. <sup>19</sup> *It is central to our good news that* God was in the Anointed making things right between Himself and the world. This means He does not hold their sins against them. But it also means He charges us to proclaim the message that heals and restores our broken relationships *with God and each other*.

<sup>20</sup> So we are now representatives of the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*; God has given us a charge to carry through our lives—urging all people on behalf of the Anointed to become reconciled to *the Creator God*. <sup>21</sup> He orchestrated this: the *Anointed One*, who had never experienced sin, became sin for us so that in Him we might embody the very righteousness of God.

## **We Have Been Given “The Ministry Of Reconciliation.”**

So, what does that look like? We talked about this in Lesson 2

The ministry of reconciliation is bringing people into right standing with God. It is restoring people to God through an exchange, or an adjustment, by reason of divine favor, which is given to us through Jesus Christ. **Everyone** who is a believer is called to this ministry!

Who is called? Every believer.

Also in Lesson 2 we discussed how Ambassadors for Christ speak for, represent, and act on behalf of God, accomplishing His planned purposes and will in the earth. We’re going to read several scriptures showing the example of Jesus in this role. Remember, He is the exact expression of God in the earth!

### **Matthew 8:2-13**

<sup>2</sup> A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. **“I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!”** Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, **“See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”**

### **The Faith of the Centurion**

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, **“Shall I come and heal him?”**

<sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, **“Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, **“Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.”** And his servant was healed at that moment.

Let’s look at

### Luke 5:17- 26

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, **“Friend, your sins are forgiven.”**

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, **“Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”**

<sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, **“Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”** So, he said to the paralyzed man, **“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”** <sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, **“We have seen remarkable things today.”**

Also you might want to take the time to read: Mark 1: 23-28; Luke 5 :17-26; Luke 6 17-19; and 8:24-25.

Next lets read some scriptures that identify who Jesus is

**John 8:58**

Jesus said to them, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**" NKJV

**Matt. 11:27**

"Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father, and no one knows the Father but the Son—and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

**John 10:37-38**

"If I do not perform my Father's works, put no faith in me. But if I do perform them, even though you put no faith in me, put faith in these works, so as to realize what it means that the Father is in me and I in Him."

**John 10:30**

**I and My Father are one." NKJV (Jesus always established who He is)**

We can do nothing without Christ. JESUS has given us a restored relationship and has given us the authority to do, through and in Him, the same as He did.

He tells us we will be challenged. He was.

**Persecution for being God's Son**

**Persecution still happens today!**

There will be challenges as we walk as Jesus walked. But God's Word is the only Truth you will ever need to stand on.

**John 10:30-38**

**<sup>30</sup> "The Father and I are one."**

**<sup>31</sup>When they heard this; the Jewish leaders were so enraged that they picked up rocks to stone him to death. <sup>32</sup>But Jesus said, "My Father has empowered me to**

**work many miracles and acts of mercy among you. So which one of them do you want to stone me for?"**

**<sup>33</sup>The Jewish leaders responded, "We're not stoning you for anything good you did—it's because of your blasphemy! You're just *a son of Adam*, but you've claimed to be God!"**

**<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Isn't it written in your Scriptures that God said, 'You are gods?' The Scriptures cannot be denied or found to be in error. <sup>35</sup>So if those who have the message of the Scriptures are said to be 'gods,' then why would you accuse me of blasphemy? <sup>36</sup>For I have been uniquely chosen by God and he is the one who sent me to you. How then could it be blasphemy for me to say, 'I am the Son of God!' <sup>37</sup>If I'm not doing the beautiful works that my Father sent me to do, then don't believe me. <sup>38</sup>But if you see me doing the beautiful works of God upon the earth, then you should at least believe the evidence of the miracles, even if you don't believe my words! Then you would come to experience me and be convinced that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.**

Challenges not only remind us of our weaknesses, but also that God is in control. God has never promised us a challenge free walk, but He has promised us a safe place to land when we walk in step and are aligned with Him.

**Jesus taught us to represent Him in both words and actions.**

Remember that in John 14:12-14 Jesus said greater things we will do.

**<sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**

We say we believe, but do we?

We are always going to have challenges. Jesus even had them with His disciples.

But Truth always trumps challenges!

Lets read

**John 14:8-11**

**8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."**

**9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"**

**10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

**11 Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. NKJV**

We choose to believe or not to believe.

Let's pray:

Father, please help us to be more like Your Son. We want to be like Jesus! We want to walk like He walks. We want to talk like He talks. We want to act like He acts. Forgive us where we haven't been acting as Jesus would act. Lord, we call forth the love that is shed abroad in our hearts. May it dominate all that we do.

Please help us to stay free from offense. Help us to release any resentment or grudges that the enemy would try to have us take on towards other people. Thank you Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen

This concludes this week's lesson. We hope you join us next time. Remember to visit our webpage [Aggressive Ministries.org](http://AggressiveMinistries.org) and download the next lesson. See you then.