

# SENDING FORTH

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21

- “Sending forth” means that we humbly, yet boldly, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. God is making it our great passion to tell others about our glorious Lord, both in this community and in places all around the world. With His help, our purpose is to speak the Gospel with kindness and serve others with love so that everyone will have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## 1.) We have an awesome **APPOINTMENT** (v. 20a).

- In Christ, we are citizens of heaven called to represent Him as His ambassadors here on Earth (Philippians 3:20).
- To be an ambassador of Christ is a tremendous **PRIVILEGE**
- To be an ambassador of Christ is a tremendous **RESPONSIBILITY**
- No believer in Christ should suffer from a lack of purpose in this life, for we are Christ’s ambassadors.

## 2.) We make an urgent **APPEAL** (v. 20b-c).

- Appeals are made because the stakes are high, the message is vital, and time is of the essence.
- Making an appeal makes a difference.
- Making our appeal means **IMPLORING** the lost (v. 20c).
- Two ways to implore as ambassadors:

- a.) Implore God in **PRAYER** (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- b.) Implore people to come and hear and repent and believe.
  - We implore people because we understand what is at stake.
  - *How much do we really think is at stake in the Gospel?*

### 3.) We hold the only **ANSWER** (v. 20d-21).

- The urgent message that we are called to share is the message of **RECONCILIATION** between ruined sinners and a holy God.
- Reconciliation with God is our urgent appeal, because it is the one thing that everyone everywhere needs most.
- Reconciliation is the message of how God's wrath against sinners is satisfied in the merciful sacrifice of His only Son.
- Because we have this mission, every day of our lives is filled with glorious **PURPOSE**

#### -- Mission Card

- By God's grace and for His glory, I resolve to "send forth" for God's glory in 2015.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_