

Ministers for JESUS CHRIST

Notes by Franklin

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Paul is writing to the believers in the city of Corinth. So this verse applies to every born-again believer.

Therefore, if **anyone** is in Christ, he is a new creation (born again) the old things passed away; new things have come. 18 Now all these things are from God, who **reconciled us** (restored us to a right relationship) to **Himself** through Christ and **GAVE US** (every born-again believer) **THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION,**

- **YOU ARE A MINISTER** FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
- What is your ministry???

19 namely, that God was in Christ **RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND HE HAS COMMITTED TO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION.**

- CAN THIS BE TRUE ? **RECONCILING THE WORLD** ? ? YES THIS IS TRUE.
- THIS IS THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE.
- How can this be ? ? ?

21 HE made **HIM** who knew **no sin,** **TO BE SIN for US,** so that we **MIGHT become the righteousness of GOD in HIM.**

- This is GREAT GRACE !
- HE took our sin – HIS Blood paid the price of sin -> DEATH Romans 6:23 And sin being forgiven -> Gave US HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- **MIGHT become** (IF WE BELIEVE) **the righteousness of GOD**
- This being TRUE . . . The LORD GOD DOES NOT SEND ANYONE TO HELL ! People send themselves to hell when they say "*No thank you, I don't believe that.*"

20 Therefore, **WE ARE AMBASSADORS** for CHRIST, as though GOD were making an appeal **through US;** we **beg** you (tell and plead with people) on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**

- An ambassador is sent with authority from one country to another to represent, speak and act for the sending country. **Your citizenship is in Heaven.** Philippians 3:20 YOU are from The KINGDOM of GOD.
- We are as Paul:
Ephesians 6:19-20 **Pray for me that whenever I speak, utterance may be given to me (by The Holy Spirit) to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains (for chains see 2Cor.5:14) that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

Who was the first one to be given the responsibility as a minister and ambassador of The Gospel??

Galatians 3:8-9 **The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: All nations will be blessed through you.**

Abraham and the people of Abraham were The LORD's chosen and called **ministers** and **ambassadors** to **announce the Blessings of The Gospel to all Nations.**

Long before the coming of JESUS the people of Abraham began to think that **they alone** were The LORD's **chosen people** and not **all Nations.**

Therefore when JESUS came HE was Very Angry with those who refused to be HIS ministers and ambassadors to the nations. A good example is the Parable of the Landowner. Matthew 21:33-43

There was a **landowner** (GOD ALMIGHTY) who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he **rented the vineyard to some farmers** and went away on a journey. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his **servants** (His prophets) to the tenants to **collect his fruit.** ³⁵ The tenants seized his servants; they **beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.** ³⁶ Then **he sent other servants** to them, more than the first time, and **the tenants treated them the same way.** ³⁷ Last of all, **he sent his son** to them. **They will respect my son,** he said. ³⁸ **But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.** ³⁹ So they took him and **threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.** ⁴⁰ Therefore, **when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?** ⁴¹ **They replied,** He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and **he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop** at harvest time. ⁴³ Therefore I tell you that

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. NIV

Matthew 23:37-38 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, **your house is being left to you desolate!**

And that is exactly what JESUS did. HE took the Gospel away from Israel and GAVE IT TO HIS CHURCH, HIS CALLED-OUT ONES . . . TO US

Consider this: From Abraham to the coming of JESUS CHRIST to this earth was about 2,000 years. So what year is this ??? And we have not finished our commission either.

Where is JESUS right now?? Seated at the Right Hand of His Father. What is HE doing???

- HE is interceding for us and preparing a place for us.
- What else is HE doing???
- The answer:

Hebrews 10:12-13 HE, having offered one sacrifice for sins **for all time**, sat down at the right Hand of GOD, **WAITING** from that time onward until HIS enemies be made a footstool for HIS feet.

Who is HE waiting on???? Answer: You and me.

I would say 90 percent of Born-again Believers do not know that THEY ARE MINISTERS. And that is WHY WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR MISSION EITHER.

Matthew 24:14 This Gospel of The Kingdom shall be preached in the **whole world** as a testimony to **all the nations**, and **then the end will come**.

HE is Waiting on YOU and ME !

What are we going to do about it???

You are where you are today TO BE A MINISTER for JESUS
At home / at your job / at school / in the store / wherever . . .

AS A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Your ministry begins right where you are now.

Where you work and live is your mission field.

Tell People that GOD was **RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF** THROUGH THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS. WHO TOOK THEIR SIN ON HIMSELF AND THAT HE HAS **FORGIVEN THEIR TRESPASSES. BECAUSE HE LOVES THEM THAT MUCH AND THEY ARE THAT VALUABLE and SPECIAL TO HIM.**

As an AMBASSADOR for CHRIST, tell them and plead with them TO BE RESTORED TO A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much

Luke 19:17 Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, you will be given more.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, (for what purpose?) for the equipping of **THE SAINTS** for the work of the **MINISTRY**.

- To Prepare Every Believer for their ministry.

for the **building up** of the body of Christ; 13 until **WE ALL** attain to the **unity of the faith**, and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the **fullness of Christ**. 14 As a result, we are **no longer to be children**, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being **fitted and held together** by what **every joint supplies**, according to the **proper working of each individual part**, causes the **growth of the body** for the building up of itself in love.

- I do not think that this VERY IMPORTANT and PRIMARY work in the eyes of The LORD, has been the focus of most of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

To fulfill your Ministry, your Destiny YOU MUST KNOW and LIVE this TRUTH.

Pastors and Teachers MUST KNOW this TRUTH and TEACH their Sheep.

If we are not accomplishing this goal ? What is the Problem ?

#1 98% of the Believers do not know they are MINISTERS !

#2 Pastors and Teachers are not teaching THIS TRUTH, and many others.

#3 Also, Ministerial Jealousy and some PRIDE of the position. Numbers 11:25-29

James 3:1 [Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.](#)

Most all the Body of Christ / the Church / are not taught that they are ministers. They go to Church / hear a message and think they have fulfilled their religious obligations for that week.

98% of Believers think: THE PASTOR is the Minister and he is TO DO THE "Work of the Ministry."

The Result That All Are Not Ministers:

- Hosea 4:6 [My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.](#)
- Isaiah 5:13 [My people are taken in to exile for their lack of knowledge.](#)

As opposed to:

Daniel 11:32 [My people who know their GOD will display strength and take action . . .](#) knowing they are Ministers / Baptized in the HOLY SPIRIT / Anointed with the HOLY SPIRIT / they will take up their cross and follow JESUS / love their own life even unto death / they will Preach the Gospel / Set the Captives Free / Give Sight to the Blind / Heal the Sick / and Raise the Dead / Proclaiming and Demonstrating The KINGDOM of GOD.

Our Work is Before us . . .

Each one of us should be TEACHING / EQUIPPING and EMPOWERING EVERYONE we have a chance to speak to / MOTIVATING and making it possible for them to TEACH OTHERS ALSO / To Make Disciples / Ministers of as many as we possibly can as fast as we can.

They need teaching notes in their hands – in their language – that they can study and then also teach from. Example: Praveen Singh