The Essentials For Fulfilling Your Ministry

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The First Essential – Who is a Minister?

**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???** **Verse:19** 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. **1 John 2:2** **HE** IS THE **ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS**; AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE **SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD**. Romans 5:18; 8:28-30

THIS IS THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE.

How can this be ? verse 21 **HE** MADE **HIM** WHO KNEW **NO SIN**, **TO BE SIN FOR US**, **SO THAT** WE **MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM**. -> **IF WE BELIEVE**.

* This is **GREAT GRACE !**
* HE took our sin – HIS BLOOD PAID THE PRICE OF 0UR SIN WHICH IS **DEATH** Romans 6:23 And sin being forgiven -> **Gave US HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
* 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 and reject it.*”

**VS. 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.

**OUR 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 (2Cor.5:14) that in proclaiming it I may speak **boldly**, as **I ought to speak**. A Good verse to Memorize.

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**. Genesis 12:3

**Abraham** and the **people** of Abraham were The LORD’s first 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.

Therefore, when JESUS came HE was **Very Angry** with those who **refused to be HIS ministers and ambassadors** to the nations.

For an example JESUS told THEM 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 23:37-39** 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!**  or ABANDONED.

And that is EXACTLY what JESUS did. HE took the Gospel away from Israel and GAVE IT TO HIS CHURCH. **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 ???

HAVE WE FINISHED OUR COMMISSION ???

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** Having offered one sacrifice for sins **for all time**, HE 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**???? **Romans 16:20** **THE GOD of peace will soon crush satan UNDER YOUR FEET.**

I would say 60 to 80 percent of Born-again Believers do not know that THEY ARE MINISTERS FOR THE LORD.

**Matthew 24:14** This Gospel of The Kingdom shall be preached in the **whole world** as a testimony to **all 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 MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION**

Your ministry is right where you are now.

Where you work and live is your mission field.

**Acts 26:18** **To open their eyes** so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to GOD, **that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance** among those **who have been** **sanctified** by **faith in ME**.

* Ephesians 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**. **THIS IS ESSENTIAL**

To Prepare Every Believer for their ministry.

* I think that most all pastors and teachers are equipping their people but not teaching and impressing on them this VERY IMPORTANT **Truth that they are Ministers of The LORD**.
* For a believer to learn they are also a Minister changes them from being just a “Sunday go to Meeting” person but now blessed by the honor of being a Minister for JESUS CHRIST they are more highly motivated to learn and share the gospel realizing their importance and the responsibilities of being a minister for JESUS CHRIST.

**To FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY**, **YOU MUST KNOW and LIVE**

**This TRUTH Today and Every Day . .** .

**FOR YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

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

**THE SECOND ESSENTIAL**

**THE ANOINTING & POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR MINISTRY**

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**Romans 15:4** Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **1 Corinthians 10: 11** these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, **upon whom the ends of the ages have come**.

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT’S ANOINTING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Exodus 29:1 THIS IS WHAT YOU SHALL DO TO CONSECRATE**  **THEM** (dedicate, set apart) **TO MINISTER AS PRIESTS TO ME . . .**

**VS.7 YOU SHALL TAKE THE ANOINTING OIL AND POUR IT “ON”**

**HIS HEAD TO ANOINT HIM . . .**

**Exodus 30:22-33** **THE HOLY ANOINTING OIL**

**Leviticus 8:10-12,** & **30 Applying** the **ANOINTING OIL** **“ON”**

**Numbers 11:16-17; 25-29** **Religious Jealously – Prophecy**

**Deuteronomy 34:9** **Joshua filled with the Spirit . .** .

**Judges 3:10** **Othniel the Spirit of The LORD came UPON him**

**Judges 6:34** **Gideon the Spirit of The LORD came UPON him**

**Judges 14:6; 15:14 Samson** **the Spirit came UPON him**

**1 Samuel 10:1, 6-12**; **Saul Anointed and the results**

**1 Samuel 15: Saul’s Disobedience**  **[Luke 22:31]**

**1 Samuel 16:12-14: David Anointed & The Spirit departed Saul.**

**THE ESSENTIAL ANOINTING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

* **JOHN THE BAPTIST’S STATEMENT: Luke 3:16**
* **JESUS’ EXPERIENCE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**Luke 3:21-22;** And: **4:1-2, 14** AND **18**

**JESUS’ TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**John 7:37-39 14:12-18**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN: BORN AGAIN**

**John 20:22 compare: Luke 4:45**

**The HOLY SPIRIT UPON:** **ANOINTING & POWER**

**Luke 24:49-51**  and **Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4**

**RESULTS AND EXPLANATION:**

**Acts 2:14-1 33, 38-39 / 4:8, 31,33 / 6:3, 5, 8**

**HOLY SPIRIT COMING UPON OTHERS:**

**Acts 8:5-18 / 9:17 / 10:44 / 19:1-6**

**RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**Acts 2:38-39 Luke 11:11-13; Eph. 5:18; 6:18**

Tongues: (1) A languish you do not know: 1Cor.14:21-22a; Acts 2:7-8 (2) Prayer Language: 1Cor.13:1; 14:2,4, 14-15; Builds up: Jude 20; Eph.6:17-18 Praying all the time.

(3) Prophetic: 1Cor.14:5, 26-28

**THE ESSENTIAL ANOINTING FOR EVANGELISM**

**John 20:21** AS THE FATHER SENT ME I ALSO SEND YOU . . . Anointed and with the Authority of an Ambassador. 2 Corin. 5:20

**Matthew 24:14** This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, then the end shall come.

**Matthew 28:18-20** All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go** therefore (in my authority) and **make disciples** of all the **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all that I commanded you; and, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Psalm 111:6; Psm.67 & 96:3; Isaiah 66:18-20

**Matthew 16:19** I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

* HE has given us the AUTHORITY and the RESPONSIBILITY

**Sharing the Gospel**

* **Katie’s ring**

VALUE IS DETERMINED BY THE PRICE PAID TO PURCHASE

THE WORLD IS FULL OF TREASURE - Gold – Silver – Precious Stones

The PRICE JESUS paid to PURCHASE, REDEEM YOU AND ALL PEOPLE, DECLARES HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE, PEOPLE ARE TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. PEOPLE ARE THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE ON THIS EARTH. **Bhuban’s rice paddy**

**Matthew 6:21** where your treasure is there will your heart be also

JESUS SAID: **Matthew 13:44** The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and from Joy over it goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The field is the world (vs.38) - THE MAN?? **JESUS CHRIST** THE TREASURE ?? **Revelation 5:9** **JESUS was slain and purchased for GOD with HIS OWN BLOOD men,** **women, boys and girls from every tribe, tongue, people and nation. Value is determined by the price paid to purchase. THIS IS** **HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE, PEOPLE ARE,** **TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER** AND **LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

Using my imagination, I like to see it this way:

Adam walked and talked with The LORD every day. When he disobeyed and ate of the fruit, **he DIED**. **Genesis 2:17** **in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.** **DID HE????** **YES**

With my imagination this is what happened when the Angels saw Adam disobey and become a servant of evil one. **(Romans 6:16)** The Angels cried out: **WHAT CAN BE DONE** ?? Then the angels saw:

JESUS stand up from HIS Throne and said: “FATHER I will Redeem them for You.” **And GOD SO LOVED the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whoever believes in HIM shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16**

**HE DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT DELIVERED HIM OVER FOR US ALL. Romans 8:32**

**1 John 4:14** **The FATHER sent HIS SON to be the Savior of the world.** THIS IS HOW MUCH OUR FATHER LOVES US !

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**Philippians 2:6-8** Although JESUS existed in the form of GOD, HE did not regard **equality** with GOD a thing to be held on to . . . WHY? HE loved YOU that MUCH but emptied HIMSELF gave up HIS position, HIS Crown, HIS Throne, Heaven, HIS visible Glory and stepped down to this earth. WHY??

and took the form of a bond-servant The KING of kings? Stepped down to being a servant to all?) and was made in the likeness of men. (He who was free, now limited to a body) Being found in appearance as a man, **HE HUMBLED HIMSELF** (HE who had all Authority and Power) by becoming **OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH**, even the long excruciating, painful **DEATH ON A CROSS**.

And HE who was Holy, Holy, Holy: **who knew no sin** **became sin** **on our behalf, so that we might be the righteousness of GOD in HIM.**  **2 Corinthians 5:21**

**Hebrews 12:2-3** **FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS . . . WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. CONSIDER HIM WHO HAS ENDURED SUCH HOSTILITY BY SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, SO THAT YOU WILL . .** .UNDERSTAND . . . HOW MUCH HE LOVES YOU. HOW VALUABLE AND HOW SPECIAL AND PRECIOUS YOU ARE AND EVERY PERSON IS TO OUR FATHER AND LORD JESUS CHRIST. WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL?? THE PRICE PAID TO REDEEM YOU, TO PURCHASE YOU.

**1 Peter 1:18-19** Knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with **PRECIOUS BLOOD**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.

1. Story: Bus in Delhi / / We are just like Bhubin – work in our rice paddy all day and never see the Treasure all around us.

**1 Peter 2:4-5** And coming to **HIM** as to **a living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is **choice** and **precious** in the sight of GOD, **YOU ALSO**, as **living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for **a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to GOD through JESUS CHRIST.

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**Joel 3:5-6** Since you have taken My silver and My gold, and brought **MY PRECIOUS TREASURES** to your temples . . .

**Zechariah 9:16** And **The LORD GOD will save them** in that day As the flock of HIS PEOPLE; for THEY ARE AS THE STONES OF A CROWN, SPARKLING in HIS land. The Treasure Hidden in a field

**Matthew 6:19-21** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**. AMEN