

## **The Mystery of Gospel Ambassadorship (07)**

We are currently studying a series entitled, Mystery Doctrines.

Today we will study the fifth Mystery Doctrine, **Mystery Gospel Ambassadorship** taken from Eph.6:18-20.

We will begin by **examining our lesson text by five points.**

- **Praying** (Eph.6:18a) "Pray at all times in Spirit, and with this in view,"
- **Persevering** (Eph.6:18b) "Be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"
- **Proclaiming** (Eph.6:19) "That utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the **mystery of the gospel.**"
- **Prison** (Eph.6:20a) "**For which I am an ambassador** in chains;
- **Predilection** (Eph.6:20b) "That in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

<b>This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of the Mystery of Gospel Ambassadorship.</b>
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1. **The gospel was not the mystery, but every Church Age Believer (CAB) becoming an ambassador of the gospel to the world was the mystery (Eph.6:18-20; Gal.3:8, 14, 26-29).**

(2 Cor.5:18-21) "**Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself**, through Christ, and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 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**. **Therefore** we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor.5:1-21) [**therefore**] (2 Cor.5:6, 9, 11, 16, 17, 20) (Rom.16:25-27; Col.4:3-4)

2. **While every Church Age Believer (CAB) is an Ambassador of the Ministry of Reconciliation on the basis of Positional Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14) [1 of 20 status privileges](#).**

An ambassador (presbeutes) is a CAB who represents the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

(1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9). "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18)

(Gal.2:16) "Therefore **if** [1cc / and it's true] man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; (Phil.3:5-9); behold, new things have come." (2 Cor.5:17) [[50 THINGS FREE](#)] (Acts 15:1, 11)

**3. Paul taught that there were three mental attitudes that were important to the effectiveness of the service of ambassadorship of the gospel of Christ in Rom.1:14-16 (note the eight “to”).**

(Rom.1:14) “I am under obligation (opheiletes [debtor] to whom?) both **to** the Greeks and **to** barbarians, both **to** the wise and **to** the foolish.”

(Rom.1:15) “Thus, for my part, I am eager (prothumos) [ready] for what?) to preach the gospel **to** you also who are in Rome.”

(Rom.1:16) “For I am not ashamed (ouk epaischunomai / p.m.ind.1ps) [why?] of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation **to** everyone who believes, **to** the Jew first and also **to** the Greek.”

Therefore, it is the ambassador’s gospel message that the world must believe in order to be reconciled to God (John 14:6; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; 2 Cor.2:14-17).

The significance of the ambassador is the **gospel message not the gospel messenger (1 Cor.1:12-13)**; (1 Thess.1:4-5).

**4. The ambassador of the gospel of Christ will often suffer and be persecuted for delivering the message (Phil.1:29; Matt.21:33-46) [Parable of tenants / servants and Son) (2 Cor.11:22-28).**

(Phil.1:7) “For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.”, (Phil.1:12-14, 27)

The enemy of the gospel message is not the human opposition per se but the cowardly enemy who hide behind it in the angelic conflict (Matt.16:21-23; Eph.6:12; 2 Cor.4:3-4; 1 John 3:8, 12; 4:4).

(Matt.7:15-16a) “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruit.