

GOD'S PLAN

FOR YOUR LIFE

(4 REASONS TO WORSHIP GOD)

#3-GOD WANTS YOU TO BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR HIS SON

2 Corinthians 5:7-6:1 (ESV) ⁷ *for we walk by faith, not by sight.* ⁸ *Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.* ⁹ *So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him.*** ¹⁰ *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.* ¹¹ *Therefore, **knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.** But **what we are is known to God,** and I hope it is known also to your conscience.* ¹² *We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.* ¹³ *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.* ¹⁴ **For the love of Christ controls us,** because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ *and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.* ¹⁶ *From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.* ¹⁷ *Therefore, if **anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* ¹⁸ **All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;** ¹⁹ *that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, **not counting their trespasses against them,** and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.* ²⁰ *Therefore, we are **ambassadors for Christ,** God making his appeal through us. We **implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*** ²¹ *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, **so that** in him we might become the righteousness of God.* ¹ *Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*

1. God has chosen you to be His child through regeneration.
2. God has empowered you with provision to inherit and maintain his character.
3. God has assigned you a purpose and mission in life.
4. None of these are automatic. They require submission, obedience, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.
5. You were designed by God to be an ambassador for Jesus.
6. Your experiences give you a unique assignment in the body of Christ.

1. Every believer is an ambassador of Christ

“If you’re an adopted child of God, you’re not just called to be a recipient of saving grace; you’ve now been called to be a participant of that same saving grace.” (for someone else)

1. The job of an ambassador is to represent their King at all times in all ways. (Lifestyle)
2. This responsibility requires intentionality.
3. Every member of the body of Christ has a role in the fulfillment of God’s purpose.
- 1 **Corinthians 12:18 (GW)** *So God put each and every part of the body together as he wanted it.*
4. This is not a cause of arrogance but rather humility.
5. You must see the significance of God’s plan for your life.

2. Every ambassador has a mission

1. You have been given the ministry of reconciliation.
2. Every believer should be “imploring” people to be reconciled to God.
3. We are partners with God in the mission of the church.
4. Think of what would happen if every believer took this responsibility to heart this week.

2. Every mission must be properly motivated.

1. Be motivated because God knows you.
2. Be motivated because God has been gracious to you.
3. Be motivated because God has called you to fulfill His purpose.