



-- The most urgent goal of our battle is the advancement of the Gospel for the glory of God.

1.) Every believer is an ambassador for Christ (v. 20).

-- **With your confession of Christ came a commission in Christ.**

-- 2 Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21

-- In Christ, we are made for a mission and molded for a message.

-- As ambassadors of Christ, our mission is not of our making.

-- As ambassadors of Christ, our mission is urgent.

2.) Christ's ambassadors must speak His message (v. 19).

-- **Speak.**

-- Our God is a God of speech (John 1:1-2).

-- Speech was central to our Lord's mission on earth (Luke 4:43).

-- As Christ's ambassadors, His message is our mission.

-- **Speak the Gospel.**

-- The Gospel must remain the church's main message (v. 19, 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5:17-21).

-- To advance the Gospel, we must speak the Gospel.

-- Words are always necessary (Romans 10:13-15).

-- Before it can be anything else for anyone else, the Gospel is first and foremost a message.

-- **Speak the Gospel without fear** (v. 20, Romans 1:16).

-- Twice in these two verses Paul declares his desire to not only speak the Gospel to the world, but to tell it without fear or hesitation.

-- v. 20 – Speaking the Gospel fearlessly is something we “should do.”

- In the Great Commission, we are given great confidence to be bold in our mission (Matthew 28:18-20).
- We are called to fearless proclamation not because of our own authority, but because of our Lord's.
- We are not saved to stay silent; we are saved to speak up.

-- Four Ways to Share Christ without Fear:

- 1.) Share your testimony (Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15).
- 2.) Share important truths God has taught you (Proverbs 25:12)
- 3.) Communicate your Christian passions (Jer. 20:9, Gal. 4:18).
- 4.) Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19).

3.) Christ's ambassadors must pray His mission.

-- Even the most mighty spiritual warriors succeed, not but human power, but by prayer (Zechariah 4:6).

-- A harvest of salvation begins in the good soil of prayer (Matthew 9:37-38).

- John Piper – “God loves to bless the world, but even more, he loves to bless the world in answer to prayer.”

-- Seven Ways to Pray Christ's Mission:

- 1.) Pray for sensitivity to opportunities to witness (Colossians 4:3).
- 2.) Pray for courage to speak up (Ephesians 6:19).
- 3.) Pray that the lost will come to belief in Christ (1 Timothy 2:1, 2-4).
- 4.) Pray for those who will come to believe (John 17:20-21).
- 5.) Pray for more workers to spread the Good News (Matthew 9:38).
- 6.) Pray for Christian missionaries, here and abroad (2 Cor. 1:11).
- 7.) Pray for the rapid spread of the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Conclusion

-- Robert Moffat – “We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but we have only one swift hour before the sunset in which to win them.”

-- Membership that matters is membership with a message—the Gospel of Jesus Christ.