

“War & Peace (An Ambassador for the King)”

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

BIG IDEA: As His Ambassadors we represent God’s message of peace to a hostile world.

*“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making His appeal through us.*

We plead on Christ’s behalf,

‘Be reconciled to God.’”

2 Corinthians 5:20 (CSB)

☞ **An Ambassador must be a CITIZEN of the NATION he represents.**

☞ **An Ambassador must be COMMISSIONED.**

☞ **An Ambassador must represent his RULER and his PEOPLE.**

☞ **An Ambassador has all of his NEEDS PROVIDED.**

☞ **An Ambassador stays in TOUCH with HEADQUARTERS.**

☞ **An Ambassador must always be PREPARED to give ACCOUNT.**

☞ **An Ambassador is expected to OBEY the LAWS of the LAND and the ORDERS given to him.**

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THINK: As you reflect on the idea of being an Ambassador for the King, ask yourself these questions: *If you were appointed as an Ambassador for your country, where would you like to be sent? What does Paul mean by what he says about Christ and our response to Him (v15-17, see also Romans 6:5-13)? What does “reconciliation” mean? What does God do through Christ (v18)? Through us (v20)? For us (v17-18)?*

DO: How can you grow in your awe of God and love for Christ this week? What motivates you to share the Good News of Jesus Christ? What inhibits you?