AMBASSADORS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Sunday, March 19,2023 Pastor Audie D. Clairmont

2Corinthians 5:18-20

18 But all things are from God, who through Jesus Christ <u>reconciled us to Himself</u> [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] <u>and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation</u> [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, <u>reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the <u>restoration to favor).</u>
20 So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] <u>and</u> be reconciled to God.</u>

Reconciliation – bringing near to God, restoring fellowship, harmony, favor...back with God.

2Corinthians 5:21-Passion

For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.

God said in verse19: that He through His Son Yeshua would reconcile and restore with favor the world with Himself, not counting up and holding against [them] their trespasses [but cancelling them], forgiving them, if they would receive the gift of salvation.

Matthew 28:19--NLT

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you....

1. GOD TAKES THE UNQUALIFIED AND HE QUALIFIES THEM FOR HIS SERVICE.

2Corinthians 3:5--AMP.

.. Not that we are <u>fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves</u> to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything <u>as coming from us,</u> but <u>our power and ability</u> <u>and sufficiency are from God.</u>

1Samuel 16:7--AMP

... But the Lord said to Samuel, look not on his appearance or at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

Most people think the greatest tragedy in life is death. It's not. The greatest tragedy in life is to live and never know your purpose.

GOD HAS AN AUDIENCE FOR ME TO REACH.

Colossians 1:6--7--NLT

<u>This same Good News that came to you</u> is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere <u>by changing lives</u>, just <u>as it changed your lives</u> from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

7 <u>You learned about the Good News from Epaphras</u>, our beloved <u>co--worker</u>. He <u>is</u> <u>Christ's faithful servant</u>, and he is helping us on your behalf.

1Corinthians 9:22--23--AMP

... I have [in short] become all things to all men, that I might by all means (at all costs and in any and every way) save some [by winning them to faith in Jesus Christ].

23 And <u>I do this for the sake of the good news (the Gospel</u>), in order that I may become a participator in it <u>and share in its [blessings along with you].</u>

Romans 12:5-8-AMP

- ... So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another].
- 6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;
- 7 [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching;
- 8 He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he <u>who contributes, let him do it in</u> <u>simplicity and liberality;</u> he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness.

If we don't TELL people "THE GOOD NEWS," How will they know HOW GOOD GOD IS!

Romans 10:14-15-NLT

- ...But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?
- 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"