WE ARE AMBASSADORS What it Means to Follow Jesus – Part 2 2 Cor. 5:20 Bro. Mark Winn, FBC Coahoma, 4/21/13am

"We are CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS" 2 Cor. 5:20 (NLT)

1. MY ROLE AS AN AMBASSADOR

1.	As an ambassador, I am a representative
	"Be sure that you <u>live in a way that brings honor</u> to the Good News of Christ." Phil. 1:27 (NCV)
	"Live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Eph. 4:1 (NIV)
2.	As an ambassador, I've been "I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace." Acts 20:24 (NCV)
3.	As an Ambassador, I have been given
4.	As an ambassador, I serve "If you call God your Father, live your time as temporary residents on earth" 1 Peter 1:17 (GW)
	" all that other people think about is <u>life here on earth</u> . But we are <u>citizens of heaven</u> , where the Lord Jesus Christ lives." Phil. 3:19-20 (NLT)
	2. MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN AMBASSADOR
1.	"People who do not believe are living all around you and might say you are doing wrong. So <u>live such good lives</u> that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God" 1 Peter 2:12 (NCV)
2.	I must "Anyone who is joined to Christ becomes a new person; the old is gone All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. <u>Our message</u> is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the

message which tells how he makes them his friends." 2 Cor. 5:17-19 (TEV)

"God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God. Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could become right with God. We are workers together with God."

2 Cor. 5:19-6:1 (NCV)

3.	I must
Н	ow do I do that?
	· By using my life to
	"We loved you so much that we gave you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too
	1 Thess. 2:8 (NLT)
	· By giving
	"Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you,
	but do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15-16 (TEV)
	· By building
	"Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell
	him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Good News to them and also
	for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ." 1 Cor. 9:22b-23 (LB)