

**Eleutheros Newsletter**  
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*Global Book Fund News*

Subscribers to this newsletter understand that Eleutheros Books is heavily committed to ministering to people (saved and unsaved) all over the world. In recent days God has done great things:

1. Several people have felt led to make donations to the cause.
2. A fund has been started to make “a book and a Bible” available for the troops. This is the answer to much prayer and the vision of a dear Christian lady who shared this vision several years ago!
3. It is with great joy that Eleutheros Books is joining a mission effort to use The Ramifications of Our Salvation and videos to produce a college course for Bible Colleges/seminaries in Liberia!
4. A strong effort is underway to make Eleutheros Books available in Ghana!
5. Eleutheros Books are now available in India, Kenya, and Uganda, and a Spanish translation is underway!

Feel free to check out the Eleutheros Books Global Fund:

<https://www.purecharity.com/eleutheros-books-global-fund>

Christian books to very needy people: Africa, India, Russia, the Middle East, and Spanish speaking countries!

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**Ambassadorship**

*For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak* ([Ephesians 6:20](#)).

Today virtually every country in the world has people who represent their government to other countries. These people are called ambassadors. Obviously, they have a position of some importance, although they seldom actually make significant governmental policies.

The Apostle Paul speaks of himself and believers in general as ambassadors for Christ. This is a position, which God grants to believers so they have an opportunity to serve and represent their Savior.

We can see what the Bible says about ambassadors by considering these following points:

1. The Greek verb “to be an ambassador” is *presbeuo*. This verb is found both in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament done before the time of Christ) and the New Testament. Its most common meanings are “to be an elder, to take precedence, to be an ambassador.” The word connotes respect, authority, maturity, and responsibility.
2. Being an ambassador or “representative” was fairly commonplace in early Old Testament times. Below are two references in which Moses attempts to make contact with leaders of foreign countries for a right of passage after the exodus:

*And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel,*

*Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers: and when we cried unto the Lord, He heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border: Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country ([Numbers 20:14-17a](#)).*

*And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land... ([Numbers 21:21-22a](#)).*

3. A competent representative is a very good thing.

*A faithful ambassador is health ([Proverbs 13:17b](#)).*

4. A poor representative can be a very bad thing.

*A wicked messenger falleth into mischief ([Proverbs 13:17a](#)).*

Now we must look at what the Apostle Paul says about the Christian and his position as an ambassador, His thoughts are summarized in his epistle to the Ephesians (also in Romans and II Corinthians).

*For which cause I am an ambassador in bonds ([Ephesians 6:20](#)).*

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God ([II Corinthians 5:20](#)).*

We see five important aspects of our ambassadorship in the New Testament:

1. ***It should be done by Christians even under dire circumstances.***

Paul speaks of being "in bonds" (in prison) in [Ephesians 6:20](#). He considered it important to maintain a good testimony and to be a good representative, even under those unpleasant conditions.

2. ***An ambassador should speak boldly.***

"...that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" ([Ephesians 6:20b](#)). It was important that the Apostle Paul speak up clearly and confidently in the hostile environment of his day. As an Apostle it was his duty to do so. As ambassadors of the same Savior, we must be bold in our testimony as well!

3. ***We are ambassadors for Christ.***

*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ ([II Corinthians 5:20](#)).* It would be a significant thing to be a representative of our own country in a foreign land, but those who are Christians represent the Son of God wherever they go! We have a great commission to fulfill!

4. ***Our message is urgent.***

*...as though God did beseech you by us" ([II Corinthians 5:20](#)).* We should never take our salvation or our position in Christ lightly. In addition, God has given us this great opportunity and responsibility. What we say and how we say it is very important!

5. ***Our ultimate goal is to present the Gospel.***

*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in*

*Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent ([Romans 10:14-15a](#))?*

The Scriptures clearly reveal that God in His love and wisdom has given believers two very important positions: a priesthood and an ambassadorship. We are to pray for others, to represent Christ to a sinful world, and to maintain a good testimony in both ministries. These facts should humble us and cause us to be very careful to honor our Savior by our appearance, conduct, and attitude.

As we enter this New Year, may God give us the grace and determination to be good ambassadors of Jesus Christ!

### **A Charge to Keep I Have**

Charles Wesley

*A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky!*

*To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage,  
To do my Master's will!*