

MESSAGE NOTES



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Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 (MSG)

Members of God's community are His ambassadors.

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT)

The profile of Christ's ambassador – At New Hope we call this the Heart Attitudes.

3 Character Traits:

Humble – Put the goals and interests of others above your own.

Authentic – Live an honest, open life before God and others

Teachable - Give and receive Biblical correction.

4 Activities:

Reconcile – Make relationships right.

Serve – Help wherever needed.

Give – Support the church financially.

Follow – Follow spiritual leadership within Biblical limits.

Christ's ambassadors are a Christ-like fragrance.

In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life. But those on the way to destruction treat us more like the stench from a rotting corpse.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (MSG)

As Christ's ambassadors, we need support and accountability.

Speak to each other about these things every day while there is still time so that none of you will become hardened against God, being blinded by the glamor of sin.

Hebrews 3:13 (TLB)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible