

“Ambassadors For Christ”
2 Corinthians 5:11-21
11/7/21
Message 8

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “Ambassadors For Christ”

- **Illustration – Great Example of an Ambassadors For Christ**

- **How Many of you Remember the General Jimmy Doolittle raids on Japan?**
 - It happened On April 18, 1942
 - Just 4 months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 - General Jimmy Doolittle led a squadron of sixteen B-25 bombers off the deck of the carrier Hornet.
 - Their target: Tokyo – hit at the heart of the Nation that attacked us
 - As you are aware they did not expect to return from the attack
- **Corporal Jacob DeShazer**
 - Was one of the persons on that mission -
 - Jacob
 - Was raised in a Christian Home
 - But like many he drifted into the world
 - He joined the United States Army Air Corps
 - He was bombardier
 - Plane No. 16, the last plane off the deck

- Jacob's Plane

- After their plane successfully bombed a factory and oil storage facility
- They became lost in dense fog and were forced to parachute over China in total darkness.
- As Jacob was falling to earth, he wondered if he should pray.
 - As he fell, he decided it would be hypocritical to pray now after spending years away from God
 - Ironically, they found out later
 - At that very moment in a small Oregon town, his mother awakened suddenly from a dream in which she was dropping through the air in the dark. She wasn't even aware that Jake was on a dangerous secret mission, but she prayed for him until her burden lifted.

- Jacob was Captured

- Jacob and the other men came down over Japanese-occupied China and were captured.
- Three were executed on the spot
- The rest were imprisoned, beaten, tortured, and starved.
- Jacob endured 40 months in a prison camp.
 - Conditions
 - Most of the time he was alone in a 5-by-8-foot cell with a small slit in the door.

- That cell was an oven in the summertime, a walk-in freezer in the winter.
 - He was often sick, and at times his body was covered with boils like Job's. Jake recalled, "My hatred for the enemy nearly drove me crazy."
- A fellow captive, Lieutenant Robert J. Meder, told him, "Jesus Christ is the key to getting through all this."
 - A few days later, Lieutenant Meder died of malnutrition.
- Jacob asked his captors for a Bible and was allowed to have a Bible for just three weeks in 1944.
 - He read that Bible through and committed as much as he could to memory, including the Sermon on the Mount and the entire epistle of 1 John.
 - He was amazed at how clearly the Old Testament prophecies depicted the life of Christ.
 - One sentence from the Gospels had a profound impact on his life—Jesus's prayer from the cross:
 - *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*
 - Jacob renewed his commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior—and his hatred was replaced by Christian love.
 - *"I realized that these people did not know my Savior," he recalled. "If Christ is not in a person's heart, it's natural to be cruel. I was afraid I was going to die, and I told God, 'I don't want to come to you with empty hands. I want to do something for Jesus before I die.'"*

- **Corporal Jacob DeShazer - Ministry Of Reconciliation**

- One of the guards delighted in beating and kicking Jacob for every infraction.
- On one occasion, the guard slammed the iron door on Jake's foot because he didn't think Jake was moving fast enough. The pain was incredible.
- Remembering the Sermon on the Mount, he wondered, "How could Jesus expect me to love my enemies and pray for those who persecute me?"
- But he knew God was calling him to do exactly that.
- The next morning, when the guard came by the cell, Jake stood on his throbbing foot, put his face to the slit in the door, and said, "Good morning!" in Japanese.
- Jake continued to show kindness to the guard—and within a few days, the guard stopped beating him and started bringing him extra food.

- **His Release On August 10, 1945**

- Jacob DeShazer sensed God calling him to pray for peace.
- He had no way of knowing that days earlier, two Japanese cities had been leveled by atomic bombs.
- For several hours, Jacob prayed.
- Five days later, Japan surrendered.
- Jacob and his fellow captives were set free.

- **Life after the WAR**

- Jacob attended college and seminary, and he wrote a Christian tract,

- “I Was a Prisoner of Japan,”
- That was distributed throughout postwar Japan.
- Three days after Christmas 1948,
 - Jacob DeShazer arrived in Japan as a missionary.
 - When the Japanese people asked him why he came back to the country that had imprisoned him, he told them about the love of Jesus.
 - Soon after his arrival, Jake was introduced to Mitsuo Fuchida, the Japanese pilot who had led the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.
 - Fuchida had read Jacob’s tract and received Jesus as his Lord and Savior.
 - Jacob and Fuchida became close friends, and Fuchida spent the rest of his life as an evangelist, spreading the gospel throughout Asia.
- The Japanese people were amazingly responsive to the gospel in those early postwar years.
 - “The people wanted to know the truth,” Jacob recalled.
 - “They had been taught that the emperor of Japan was a god.
 - After the war, when the emperor admitted he was just a human being, a lot of Japanese young people lost all faith and committed suicide.
 - When we came to Japan and told them about the Lord, they said, ‘We’ve never heard anything like this before!’

- Jacob DeShazer spent 30 years as a missionary in Japan, living out what Paul calls “The Ministry of Reconciliation.”

- **Now this Morning**

- We have ALL been CALLED by God to be His Ambassadors and to bring the message of Reconciliation to Our lost world
- Paul lays out 3 powerful truths about our mission as Ambassadors
 - Why Ambassadors Do Their Ministries vs. 11-14a
 - How Ambassadors Do Their Ministries vs. 14b-17
 - The Ambassadors Message vs. 18-21

Why Ambassadors Do Their Ministries vs. 11-14a

- **First: Our message in light of our eternal destiny v. 11**

- **1st Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord v. 11a**

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

- **1st What do we know of the TERROR of the Lord?**

- We know
 - That apart from Jesus we are the righteous targets of the terror of the Lord.
 - That in Jesus we have been delivered from the terror of the Lord.
 - That the beginning of knowledge (Wisdom)

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- SO It is Critical we NEVER lose a healthy Fear (Reverence) of God

▪ Lesson – Question

- What's your motivation for ministry?
 - Some would say my love for Christ – RIGHT ON
 - Some might say Rewards – RIGHT ON
 - Some might say DUTY – RIGHT ON
- But What about Holy FEAR?!
- Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25)

Psalm 2:11 (NKJV)

11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

- OUR Driving force is
 - Since I have BEEN saved from the terror of the Lord – Given GRACE – I must also GIVE GRACE
 - I have been delivered from the terror of the Lord, and you can be delivered too.
- **2nd We Persuade Men v. 11b**

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, **we persuade men;** but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

▪ 1st We Persuade Men!

- Christ has commanded us to spread the Gospel to all nations!

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

- Paul - Passionately desired that men and women come to Jesus
 - His Whole life was dedicated to this mission

▪ **2nd Lesson –**

- Do we have this heart?
 - To see ALL People Saved
- How do we go about our mission?
 - Relationship with God
 - Prayer
 - Bible Study
 - Fellowship
 - With Growth
 - We begin to share the Gospel with Others
 - We begin to teach Equip others
- **3rd But we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences:**

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

- Paul knew he did not need to persuade God.
 - He knew that he was well known to God.

- BUT Paul wished that he did not need to persuade the Corinthian Christians
 - So Sad that so much of 2 Corinthians is Paul defending his ministry to them

• **Second: Paul Defends and Describes His Ministry v. 12-14a**

○ **1st We do not commend ourselves again to you v. 12a**

2 Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)

12 *For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.*

- Was Paul...
 - Just bragging?
 - Just trying to glorify himself before the Corinthians?
- Not at all...
 - Yes Paul gloried in his weakness, his trials, and his struggles, he doesn't do it to brag before the Corinthian Christians

○ **2nd But give you opportunity to glory on our behalf v. 12b**

2 Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)

12 *For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.*

- **Instead - by telling of his weakness, his trials, and his struggles,**
 - Paul wanted to give the Corinthian Christians the opportunity to be proud of him (glory on our behalf)

- He wanted the Corinthians to be able to REJOICE in what God was/is doing

▪ **Remember –**

- The Corinthian Christians believed that Paul suffering was because he was DOING Ministry WRONG

- **3rd That you may have something to answer those who glory in appearance and not in heart v. 12c**

2 Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)

12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, **that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.**

▪ **Remember**

- One problem with the Corinthian Christians is that they liked those who glory IN Appearance and NOT In Heart.
- They looked down on Paul because his glory was not in appearance and only in heart.

▪ **By telling them how God worked through his struggles and trials**

- Paul gave them something to answer those who thought that way.

▪ **Lesson**

- 1st What do we glory in?

- Appearance or Heart
- Illustration

- Remember what the Lord said to Samuel:
The LORD does not see as a man sees; for

man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).

- 2nd DON'T Depend on the praise of men.

- *If we live only for the praise of men, we will not win the praise of God at the Judgment Seat of Christ*

- **4th Paul Isn't CRAZY v. 13**

2 Corinthians 5:13 (NKJV)

13 *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.*

- **1st If we are beside ourselves (CRAZY)**

- To be “beside yourself” describes Crazy, Irrational Behavior.
- Paul GAVE up EVERYTHING to serve Jesus -
- People Thought Paul was CRAZY
 - The Corinthian Christians
 - Believed he was crazy for going through so much suffering
 - Festus thought Paul was Crazy

Acts 26:24–26 (NKJV)

24 *Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”*

25 *But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.*

26 *For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.*

- Paul is in good company.

- Jesus was also accused of being out of His mind (Mark 3:21 and John 10:20)

▪ **2nd If we are beside ourselves, it is for God;**

- CRAZY for GOD

▪ **3rd Or if we are of sound mind, it is for you**

- Crazy for Souls

▪ **4th Lesson – Questions –**

- Have you been accused of BEING CRAZY?
- Do people think you're a little weird for being a Christian?
- Why are you holding to your “archaic puritanical beliefs”?
- Have you been CALLED
 - “Fanatics, Extremist, Radical, Fundamentalists, Literalists, Etc...”
- Well You're in good Company

○ **5th Paul Is Motivated By Love v. 14a**

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NKJV)

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

▪ **1st Paul is Motivated BY LOVE for Christ!!!**

- LOVE for Jesus
- LOVE for SOULS

▪ **2nd It what Motivates us**

- Someone asked,
 - Why are you always going to church?
 - Why are doing that ministry?
 - Why all the pain and all the trials?
- We would answer, “I have to”
 - I have received the love of Christ.
 - I must give His LOVE

How Ambassadors Do Their Ministries vs. 14b-17

• First: Paul DIED to SELF - LIVED for CHRIST vs. 14b-15

2 Corinthians 5:14b–15 (NKJV)

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

- **1st If one died for all, then all died - How did Jesus die for all?**
 - His death is able to save all WHO will Come to Him
 - This does not mean the false doctrine of universalism – that all are saved
- **2nd Death to SELF**
 - That those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Luke 9:23 (NKJV)

23 Then He said to them all, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

▪ **Show Pic –**

- Corrie ten Boom Quote: “Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty.”

• **Second: Paul Understood His New Life vs. 16-17**

- **1st Because of this new life made possible by Jesus, old earthly attachments are far less important v. 16a**

2 Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV)

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

- We regard no one according to the flesh: Why?
 - Because we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen (2 Corinthians 4:18).
 - Because our earthly tent will be destroyed, but we will have a new body, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1).
 - Because we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - Because we do not glory in appearance, but we glory in heart (2 Corinthians 5:12).

- For all these reasons...
 - We don't look to the image and appearance of the flesh but to the substance of the heart
 - From now on we do not judge men in a carnal, earthly way, according to appearances, human credentials, or national origin. We see them as precious souls for whom Christ died.

- **2nd Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet we know Him thus no longer v. 16b**

2 Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV)

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

- Yes - We knew Jesus in the Flesh
- But NOW in the Spirit
- Far Better (John 16:7)

- **3rd The resurrection life of Jesus gives us new life v. 17**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- **1st Therefore, If ANYONE v. 17a**
 - This is a promise for Anyone - Anyone!
 - It doesn't matter what class, what race, what nationality, what language, or what level of intelligence.
 - Anyone can be a new creation in Jesus Christ.

▪ **2nd Is IN CHRIST v. 17b**

- This is a promise for anyone who is in Christ.
- This is not a promise for those who are in themselves, or in the religion of men, or in someone or something else.
- This is for those IN Christ
 - The phrase “in Christ” is used 77 times in the NT, 74 in the writings of Paul; the phrase “in Him” is found another 70 times in the NT
 - PROMISES to those who are “in Christ”
 - Redemption – Rom. 3:24
 - No condemnation – Rom. 8:1
 - No separation – Rom. 8:39
 - Sanctification – I Cor. 1:2
 - Victory – 2 Cor. 2:14
 - Liberty – Gal. 2:4
 - Unity – Gal. 3:28
 - Spiritual blessings – Eph. 1:3
 - Seated in heavenlies – Eph. 2:6
 - Created for good works – Eph. 2:10
 - Brought near – Eph. 2:13
 - Encouragement – Phil. 2:1
 - Resurrection – I Thess. 4:16
 - Salvation – 2 Tim. 2:10

▪ **3rd He is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

- Jesus Christ changes those who come to Him by faith and who are in Christ.
- The Saved Are
 - NOT “just forgiven.
 - They are changed into a New Creation

- *Just Like David Prayed in Psalm 51 – Create in me a NEW HEART – BARA*

- *Spurgeon; “The work of a new creation is even greater than God’s work of creating the world. “My brethren, it was more difficult, if such terms are ever applicable to Omnipotence, it was more difficult to create a Christian than to create a world. What was there to begin with when God made the world? There was nothing; but nothing could not stand in God’s way – it was at least passive. But, my brethren, in our hearts, while there was nothing that could help God, there was much that could and did oppose him. Our stubborn wills, our deep prejudices, our ingrained love of iniquity, all these, great God, opposed thee, and aimed at thwarting thy designs... Yes, great God, it was great to make a world, but greater to create a new creature in Jesus Christ.”*

- **5th Lesson – NEW**

- **A New View of Christ.**

- To know Christ “after the flesh” means to evaluate Him from a human point of view.
- But “the days of His flesh” are ended, because He has ascended to heaven and is now glorified at the Father’s right hand.

- **A New View of People**

- We see them as sinners for whom Christ died.
- We no longer see them as friends or enemies, customers or coworkers, Republicans or Democrats; we see them the way Christ sees them, as lost sheep who need a shepherd.

- **A New View of Other Christians.**

- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:28).

- **A New View of**

- Our Value System
- Our Relationships
- Our Philosophy of Life

The Ambassadors Message vs. 18-21

- **First: The message and ministry of reconciliation vs. 18-19**

- **1st All things are of God v. 18a**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

- Paul Writing of things that are of God, NOT of man.
- Inspired - Inerrant Word of God

- **2nd God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ v. 18b**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

- God Initiated this Ministry of Reconciliation
- Through Jesus
- He reconciled us to Himself; we did not reconcile ourselves to Him.

- **3rd And has given us the ministry of reconciliation v. 18c**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

- Having has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ
- Now God expects us to take up the ministry of reconciliation and has therefore committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- God uses the preached word to reconcile men and women to Himself.

- **4th God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself v. 19a**

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

19 **that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,** not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- **Through all the Terrors of the CROSS**

- God the Father worked in and with God the Son, reconciling the world to Himself.
- The Father and the Son worked together on the cross.
- Amazing when understood in light of what happened on the cross
 - Physical Suffering
 - Spiritual Suffering
 - Vail in the Temple Torn

- **5th Not imputing their trespasses to them v. 19c**

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

19 *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

▪ **“Imputation” –**

- A word borrowed from banking; it simply means “to put to one’s account.”

▪ **When Jesus died on the cross**

- All of our sins were imputed to Him (put to His account).
- He was treated by God as though He had actually committed ALL those sins.

▪ **The RESULT ?**

- All of those sins have been paid for and God no longer holds them against us, because we have trusted Christ as our Saviour
- Most religions keep a “running tab of sin”.
- But in Christianity the debt has been wiped out completely

Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)

14 *having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

▪ **But even MORE**

- God has put to our account the very Righteousness of Christ!

• **Second: Ambassadors for Christ v. 20**

- **1st Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ v. 20a**

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

▪ **Paul sees himself as Ambassador**

- Someone that he serves in a foreign land as the representative of a King.
- The King has a message
- Paul is delivering that message as though God were pleading through us.

▪ **An Ambassadors!**

- Spends their lives on foreign soil
- Chosen to represent their Country
- Are protected (a nation provides its ambassadors with every need & stands ready to protect him)
- Are held accountable (they must say what they are told to say).
- Does not speak to please his audience, but the King who sent him.
- Does not speak on his own authority; his own opinions or demands mean little.

- **2nd We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God v. 20b**

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, **as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.**

- Paul makes a simple, strong, direct plea: be reconciled to God.

- Be reconciled!
- We are not commanded to do the work of reconciliation between man and God.
- He has done the work; it is merely ours to embrace and receive.

- **Third: How God made reconciliation possible v. 21**

- **1st Him who knew NO SIN v. 21a**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- Jesus was sinless (John 8:46)
 - Tempted in ALL WAYS but NEVER SINNED

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- **2nd He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us v. 21b**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- He does not say Jesus was made to be a sinner.
 - Jesus never became a sinner
- But He did become sin for us.
 - Even His becoming sin was a righteous act of love, not an act of sin.

- **3rd That we might become the righteousness of God in Him:**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

- Jesus took our sin, but gave us His righteousness.
- It is a tremendous exchange, all prompted by the love of God for us!

Closing

• **Illustration**

- George Shultz, when Secretary of State during the Reagan administration, kept a large globe in his office.
- When newly appointed ambassadors had an interview with him and when ambassadors returning from their posts for their first visit with him were leaving his office, Shultz would test them.
- He would say, "You have to go over the globe and prove to me that you can identify your country."
- They would go over, spin the globe, and put their finger on the country to which sent—
 - Unerringly.
- When Shultz's old friend and former Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield was appointed ambassador to Japan, even he was put to the test.
- This time, however, Ambassador Mansfield spun the globe and put his hand on the United States. He said: "That's my country."
- Said the secretary: "I've told that story, subsequently, to all the ambassadors going out."

- 'Never forget you're over there in that country, but your country is the United States. You're there to represent us. Take care of our interests and never forget it, and you're representing the best country in the world.' "
- Christians never forget what country we represent

- **Remember you're an AMBASSADOR**

- Motivated
 - By Holy FEAR
 - Love For Christ
 - Love for the Lost
- Dead to Self - Alive to Christ
- People will think we have lost it
- Never forget the NEW LIFE makes it possible
- Our Message of Reconciliation

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;
24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*