

**The Attackers: Ambassadorship: Recruiting for the Privileged Class: Baptism of the Holy Spirit Adopts Us into the Royal Family of God; Ambassadorship Includes the Responsibility to Take the Gospel to the Heathen; Evangelism Carries Doctrine into the Next Generation; Unbelievers Have No Doctrinal Inventory; They Can Only Understand the Gospel; the Difference between the Gospel & Salvation**

**IV. Ambassadorship:**

**A. Recruiting for the Privileged Class**

1. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are, without question, the most blessed people in all of human history.
2. Completely devoid of any redeeming qualities, we have been granted eternal life and guaranteed a resurrection body simply because we had the good sense to believe in Christ for salvation.
3. Baptized by the Holy Spirit into Christ, we are made members of the royal family of God. With such a pedigree we instantly take on the trappings of aristocracy.
4. There are a select few in *cosmos diabolicus* who, by the simple fact they were physically born into a certain family, find themselves in a privileged class.
5. This “accident of birth” is accompanied by great wealth, fame, fortune, financial security, social standing, adulation, and sometimes respect.
6. Such people are classified as royalty, aristocrats, patricians, or nobles. Inherent with this position of birth are exclusive prerogatives, privileges, advantages, assets, and resources not available to the plebes of the lower class.
7. The royals of earthly dynasties may or may not be happy with their station in life, but every believer becomes an instant member of a heavenly privileged class which includes the potential for great happiness.
8. Believers should not allow a plebian mentality to prevent them from exploiting the advantages they have been so graciously given by God.
9. Faith alone in Jesus Christ has transformed them into royal aristocracy and membership in the elite retinue of the universal church.
10. This honor is available only to the honored few whose names are permanently inscribed in the chart pedigree of the royal family of God.
11. This position of privilege is accompanied by inherent responsibilities toward those who do not share his estate in life or his station in society.
12. The believer must first of all preserve the system which allows him to prosper. That system is the God-given operational power system for spiritual growth.
13. Although the system is indestructible, it can be ignored or abandoned. For its power to be made available to the next generation it must be passed down to others who will follow.
14. When properly utilized and maintained in the souls of believers, those outside the privileged class are blessed by association.

15. The obligation of the royal ambassador is to actively lead, direct, and encourage those outside the system to join him inside. This enlarges the size of the privileged class.
16. To efficiently fulfill this responsibility, he must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Part of this wisdom is to be informed of what *not to* say as well as what *to* say.
17. The unbeliever has no legitimate inventory of ideas regarding the mystery doctrines of the Bible. He may know some Bible stories and be familiar with some of the people and events, but he has no real understanding of their meanings.
18. Witnessing has only one subject: the gospel of Jesus Christ. The ambassador must have a clear understanding of what constitutes the gospel and what is required for the salvation of a person's soul.
19. The difference between the two must be clearly understood, something that many in Christendom today do not distinguish.
20. This has resulted in the development of fuzzy gospels that leaves the ignorant unbeliever with inaccurate information about how to become saved.
21. To avoid this pitfall, the ambassador must clearly understand the difference between the gospel and the act of salvation.
22. The difference between the two is the subject of Proclamation 13 in *Forty Proclamations*:

**The gospel is designed to present Jesus of Nazareth as Savior. Any number of details may be presented to describe His person and His work: He is both perfect God and sinless Man, who was sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the entire human race, after which He died, was buried, and, three days later, was resurrected from the dead. Regardless of how many details are given, the free will of the unbeliever must be left to consider whether to accept or reject Jesus as his personal Savior.**

**Salvation occurs when the unbeliever responds with nonmeritorious faith alone in Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8–9). This *faith* response has both purpose and result: The *purpose* is deliverance from punishment in the lake of fire. The *result* is the imputation of eternal life. Taken together, salvation means that believers go to heaven when they die (John 3:16).<sup>1</sup>**

23. If the response is negative then the conversation is over. The individual has used his free will to reject the love of God. To argue the point results in a violation of the person's free will.
24. The target must not be intimidated by the messenger but convicted and convinced by the message.
25. If the response is positive, then the ambassador must express obvious pleasure in the decision and encourage the person to begin a serious study of the Word of God.

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<sup>1</sup> *Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church* (St. Charles, MO: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2011), 9.

26. Our ambassadorship requires us to actively recruit for the royal family. Always remember this when evangelizing the lost: it is not your sparkling personality that saves a person's soul but the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.
27. He takes your presentation of the gospel and, under common grace, makes it understandable to the unbeliever so he can make an objective decision.

**B. The Sovereign Executive of Witnessing**

1. There is an impenetrable barrier that separates the unbeliever from God. This circumstance is described as total depravity. This term encompasses the host of principles that defines the hopeless condition into which we are born into this world.
2. The ambassador must have a clear understanding of this situation and the consequences of it that face the unbeliever.