

GOD'S EMBASSY

Thirty years ago Covenant Life Fellowship became an entity in western Wayne county. You may have noticed that the sign out front lists the full name as Covenant Life Fellowship and Christian Embassy and it is so noted on our legal papers.

An Embassy can be defined in at least two different ways, First, we think of an 'embassy' as a building which houses the ambassador and governmental people from another country. Obviously, CLF is one such building representing King Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

The second definition for 'embassy' is a group of people with a message or assignment from their particular country or government. Of course once again, we, the people of CLF, individually and corporately are an embassy carrying the message of the King of Glory.

It has always been God's plan that His people represent Him and His kingdom to a very dark world. In recent days, there has been some clarification of the Greek word, "ekklesia" which is generally has been defined in the Christian community as the "called out ones" or "church". Two thousand years ago the Greek word, "ekklesia" was used to define the ones who represented the rule and culture of Rome in a conquered land. Obviously, then, when that same word was applied to the church, it was expected that the Christian was to represent God and His kingdom rule on the earth.

The LORD has repeatedly encouraged us to be the ["ekklesia"] and "embassy" of God in a desperately needy world. As an embassy or as ambassadors of God, we have been called both to carry Him and His present-day message to the people of our day. On Sunday, God released a fresh anointing and impartation upon us and called us again to be a living and active representation of HIM in our various worlds. It is not a new call; for us it began thirty years ago, but God has not forgotten HIS purpose for CLF. If anything, HE is revealing to us in **increasing detail** the importance for us to be – **REALLY BE** – AN EMBASSY FROM THE KING OF GLORY!

The Bible says, "*God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*" [2 Cor.5:20]

Jesus not only carried God's message, HE **WAS** THE MESSAGE, for *God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself*. Likewise, we not only carry a message, WE **ARE** THE MESSAGE. Last Sunday we were equipped in a new way with the stuff of heaven so that we can even more strongly represent HIM by our lives as well as His now-word message. It is a fact that "*our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*" "*And we all, who with unveiled faces are focused on the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*" [2 Cor.3:6]

Please notice that our *adequacy or competency [NIV] "is from God by the Spirit"*. We are NOT made competent by WHAT we know but by *whom* we know and His presence living within us. Thus we ***are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*** [2 Cor.3:18]

We are ambassadors with a live-in KING so that as we carry the heart of God and hear the voice of the KING we are transformed and carry HIM AND HIS present-hour purposes to the people to whom we are sent. Our nation is in desperate need of a fresh revelation of the Living God. HE has chosen to use people – just ordinary people – to carry HIM, His word, and HIS purposes to a dying nation. We have a job to do; it is an important job; we represent the KING.

Covenant Life Fellowship and Christian Embassy is not the only one called with this calling, but **WE HAVE BEEN CALLED**. How shall we, then, live?!!!