



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Living as Ambassadors of God's Kingdom

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

As ambassadors of God's kingdom, believers are tasked with reconciling others to God, living as light and witnesses in the world. Through spiritual rebirth and transformation, they are empowered to manifest God's will on earth, demonstrating His power and authority. This study explores the principles of living as God's representatives, emphasizing the necessity of spiritual rebirth and the believer's role in God's kingdom.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

2 Corinthians 5:17

John 3:1-6

Matthew 5:14

Hebrews 1:7

1 Peter 2:5

Revelation 1:6

## Key Takeaways

- Believers are new creatures in Christ, emphasizing spiritual rebirth.
- Spiritual rebirth is essential to enter the kingdom of God.
- Believers are the light of the world, serving as witnesses.
- As flames of fire, believers are agents of conviction.
- Believers are living stones, stable and integral to God's house.
- Believers are made kings and priests, highlighting their authority.

## Introduction

In the journey of faith, believers are called to be ambassadors of God's kingdom. This role involves embodying spiritual rebirth and exercising the authority given in Christ. As representatives of God's kingdom, believers are tasked with reconciling others to God and living as light in the world. This study will explore the principles of living as God's ambassadors, emphasizing the importance of spiritual rebirth and the believer's role in God's kingdom.

## Scripture Reading

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-20** — Paul emphasizes the transformation and new identity in Christ, and the responsibility of believers to reconcile others to God.
- **John 3:1-6** — Jesus explains the necessity of being born again to Nicodemus.
- **Matthew 5:14** — Believers are called to be the light of the world.
- **Hebrews 1:7** — Believers are described as flames of fire, indicating their role.
- **1 Peter 2:5** — Believers are living stones, part of God's spiritual house.
- **Revelation 1:6** — Believers are made kings and priests unto God.

## Key Points

1. **Spiritual Rebirth** — Spiritual rebirth is crucial for entering the kingdom of God. In John 3:1-6, Jesus explains to Nicodemus the necessity of being born again. This rebirth is not physical but spiritual, marking the beginning of a new life in Christ. It is through this transformation that believers gain access to the kingdom of God and begin their journey as His ambassadors.

- Reflect on your own experience of spiritual rebirth.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of what it means to be born again.
- Share your testimony of spiritual rebirth with someone this week.

Scripture: John 3:1-6

## Key Points (cont.)

2. **Identity as Light** — Believers are called to be the light of the world, as stated in Matthew 5:14. This identity involves illuminating the truth and love of God in a world often shrouded in darkness. As light, believers are witnesses to God's transformative power and are tasked with guiding others towards Him.
  - Identify areas in your life where you can be a light to others.
  - Engage in acts of kindness that reflect God's love.
  - Consider how your daily actions can serve as a testimony to God's truth.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14

3. **Role as Flames of Fire** — Hebrews 1:7 describes believers as flames of fire, symbolizing their role as agents of conviction and transformation. This imagery highlights the power and authority believers have to influence the world around them, demonstrating God's presence and purpose.
  - Pray for boldness to act as a flame of fire in your community.
  - Seek opportunities to demonstrate God's power and authority.
  - Reflect on how you can be a source of conviction and change.

Scripture: Hebrews 1:7

## Key Points (cont.)

4. **Stability as Living Stones** — In 1 Peter 2:5, believers are described as living stones, integral to the construction of God's spiritual house. This metaphor emphasizes the stability and foundational role believers play in the community of faith, contributing to the strength and unity of the church.
  - Consider how you can contribute to the stability of your faith community.
  - Engage in activities that build up and support others in your church.
  - Reflect on your role as a living stone in God's spiritual house.

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:5

## Key Points (cont.)

5. Authority as Kings and Priests — Revelation 1:6 reveals that believers are made kings and priests, signifying their authority and access to God's presence. This dual role empowers believers to intercede on behalf of others and to exercise spiritual authority in their lives.
- Reflect on the authority you have as a believer in Christ.
  - Pray for wisdom to exercise your role as a king and priest effectively.
  - Intercede for others, using your access to God's presence.

Scripture: Revelation 1:6

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## **Observation**

- What does it mean to be a new creature in Christ according to 2 Corinthians 5:17?
- How does Jesus describe the necessity of being born again in John 3:1-6?
- What role do believers play as the light of the world in Matthew 5:14?

## **Interpretation**

- Why is spiritual rebirth essential for entering the kingdom of God?
- How can believers effectively serve as witnesses to God's truth and love?
- What does it mean to be a flame of fire in the context of Hebrews 1:7?

## **Application**

- In what ways can you reflect the light of Christ in your daily life?
- How can you use your authority as a believer to impact your community?

## Application (cont.)

- What steps can you take to strengthen your role as a living stone in God's spiritual house?

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for a deeper understanding and experience of spiritual rebirth.
- Ask for boldness and wisdom to live as a light in the world.
- Seek God's guidance in exercising spiritual authority as kings and priests.
- Intercede for opportunities to reconcile others to God.

## Next Step

Reflect on your role as an ambassador of God's kingdom and identify ways to embody this calling in your daily life.

## Conclusion

Living as ambassadors of God's kingdom is a profound calling that requires spiritual rebirth and a commitment to embodying the principles of God's kingdom. As believers embrace their identity as new creatures in Christ, they are empowered to be light in the world, flames of fire, living stones, and kings and priests. Through these roles, believers can effectively reconcile others to God and manifest His will on earth.