

*The Missing Piece, Part 6*  
*The Church is an Embassy*  
*2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

The church is a flock. The church is a bride. The church is a body. The church is also an embassy.

- 1) We have been called into, and qualified for, diplomatic service.
  - The love of Christ controls us.
  - We no longer live for ourselves.
  - We no longer look at others with a worldly point of view.
  - We are new creations in Christ.
  - A new creation means a new citizenship.  
Philippians 3:20a
  - We have been given a diplomatic mission.
- 2) Since we are ambassadors, then the church is an embassy.
  - An embassy belongs to its sovereign, even when on foreign territory. It is your home away from home.
  - An ambassador (embassy) is there to carry out the wishes of another, not its own desires.
- 3) To whom have we been sent? (Philippians 3:18-19)
  - To those who reject the creative design of God.
  - To those who reject the moral authority of God.
  - To those who reject the redemptive plan of God.
  - To those who reject the eternal purpose of God.
- 4) How does our King evaluate our work?
  - The victory of the church is not dependent upon the friendliness of the culture.
  - The victory of the church is found in our faithfulness to the King. He is responsible for how the message is received.
- 5) The mission wasn't created for the church; the church was created for the mission. The mission of the embassy is divided into two parts:
  - The ministry of reconciliation = worship.
  - The message of reconciliation = witness.
- 6) So we are simultaneously both a worshipping and witnessing community.
  - Worship without witness becomes hollow and meaningless.
  - Witness without worship becomes like selling something that people don't want and don't know that they need.
  - Worship becomes the engine for witness.
  - Witness provides the joy for worship.
- 7) What happens to the ambassador and embassy before two countries go to war? Our King calls us out and calls us home.