

Principles to Obtaining Strong Faith V

Understanding your redemptive rights II

“You are an ambassador.”

An ambassador is diplomatic official of the highest order, sent from one kingdom into another kingdom, to represent the interest of their kingdom.

An ambassador is an appointed official sent into another territory to represent and model their kingdom in another territory.

- **II Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Ambassadors are models of faith and patience.

With faith and patience we inherit the promise.

- **Hebrews 6:12** That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

I

Ambassadors are provided by the government.

The government provides food, clothes and shelter.

NKJ **Matthew 6:25** " Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?** ²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹ "**Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'** ³² "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For

your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ "**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**"

II

Ambassadors have perseverance.

NKJ **2 Corinthians 11:23** **Are they ministers of Christ? -- I speak as a fool -- I am more:** in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness -- ²⁸ **besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.**

III

Ambassadors endure persecution.

Matthew 10:16-27

NKJ **Ephesians 6:18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which **I am an ambassador** in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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