



**“Ambassadors for Christ” – Part 2**

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**Introduction** – *The apostle Paul travels to Athens to share the Gospel as Christ’s ambassador. Today we explore the reasons, and how, he is trying to reach pagan idolaters.*

**I. A New Identity.**

A. When we believe in Jesus and are born again, we become a new creation of God.

B. God gives us a new identity in Christ.

1. (John 1:12-13)

2. (Galatians 4:5)

3. (Colossians 1:13)

4. (Romans 8:17)

5. (Philippians 3:20)

6. (I John 3:1)

7. (I Corinthians 6:19)

8. (Ephesians 2:10)

9. (I Peter 2:10)

10. (II Corinthians 5:20)

C. Our new identity changes our relationship to everyone and everything else in our life. (II Corinthians 5:14-17)

D. Our private faith becomes a public faith.

E. How do we live out our new identity in Christ?

**II. A New Concern.**

A. Paul ‘s spirit was “provoked” within him.

B. What was Paul looking at?

C. Paul was given a new concern for lost people.

**III. A New Mission.**

A. Ambassadors for Christ are sent out to share the Good News of the Gospel with other people.

B. Three words describe how Paul did that in Athens.

1. (v.17) “Reasoning.”

2. (v.18) “Conversing.”

3. (v.18) “Preaching.”

C. Consider what Paul was doing while he was “waiting” for his team to arrive.

**Conclusion.**