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YOUR COMMISSION, AMBASSADOR: PART 2

Yesterday we spoke of II Corinthians 5:20 that “we are ambassadors for Christ.” We are His spokesmen on earth, and our word carries His full authority. Jesus said (Matt. 28:18-20), **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”** By His name and the authority vested in us through His name, we have access to all His power.

Power for what purpose? The most important purpose (Matt. 28:18-20) is to evangelize the world with the gospel. But there is more as we see in John 14:12 where Jesus said, **“He that believes on me (that is you), the works that I do shall he also do, and greater works than these (that I have done) shall he do. (Why?) Because I go unto my Father.”** That means He will not be here to do those works, so it is us who shall do them. He further said (vs. 13-14) **“If you ask any thing in my name, I will do it”** (through the power and authority He vested in you).

So, as ambassadors, we speak His word and His works into being. We speak it and we do it, and Holy Ghost power in us accomplishes it in Jesus’ name.

So, what is it that we are to do (besides sharing the gospel, teaching, preaching, baptizing converts)? Well, what did Jesus do? He healed the sick, opened blind eyes, opened deaf ears, made the lame to walk, raised the dead to life, and cast out demons. Then according to Jesus’ instructions in John 14:12 those are the very things that we believers are also to do. And how about the “greater things” than He did that we are also to do? How about missing limbs? If someone is missing an arm or a leg, calling in an appendage where there was none would sound greater to me. How about a new heart or liver?

Some scholars have suggested that the “greater things” had to do with a greater volume of works. Nevertheless, Jesus said because He goes to be with the Father, we must do the works in His place.

Jesus has already done what He came to do. It is a completed work. There is nothing more for Him to personally do. That is why the works He does now is done through you and me. If we don’t “step up to the plate” and do it, then it will not get done. That is why we are appointed as His ambassadors. We speak, we act, we “do it” on His behalf. By the authority of His name and the power endued upon us by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish His works.

If you won’t do it, who will? So, you don’t think you can do it? Sure, you can, if you truly believe what He said. John 14:13-14 affirms it.

Be a believer. DWJD. Do What Jesus Did. He gave you that commission, Mr./Mrs./Miss Ambassador.