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With Satan's win in the Garden of Eden, mankind became separated from God because of their sin. Adam and Eve were cast out of the only place they knew as home and were forced into manual labor to bring forth food. Despite their rebellion, God gave a promise in Genesis 3:16 when He said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed [Satan's seed] and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Down through the ages the prophets of old spoke of one coming that would fulfill that Word that God gave. We see it in Micah where it was foretold this "One" would be born in Bethlehem. We see it in Isaiah where "One" would be called "The mighty God." We see it in Isaiah where he is seen as a suffering Messiah.

Jesus fulfilled that Genesis prophecy. His mission is stated in Luke 19:10 where it says, "For the Son of man [Jesus] is come to seek and to save that which was lost." That happened when he shed his innocent blood for mankind's sin. The "One" had come. Satan was put under Jesus' feet [Hebrews 2:8; Ephesians 1:22; 1 Corinthians 15:25, 27].

When he left this world to rule from heaven, he gave us a mission. That mission is not just to learn the scriptures and go to church; it is to apply what we have learned to fulfill that mission. Jesus sends us, to be ambassadors on his behalf. (Matthew 28:19.)

Paul taught it in 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 where it says, "19To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20Now 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."

We are to share the gospel with others, so they can be reconciled [their sins forgiven them] back to the Father. This is the mission for each of us, whether we are in full-time ministry or a lay person. We all are to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

If each of us do our part, we will see revival sweep across the world. Then one day we will hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." This mission should be the heart and the priority of every Christian.