

- Pastor Tim has been preaching about going into the fields that are white for harvest.
- We may question our ability to do so and wonder if we are qualified or have what it takes.
 - Moses questioned God when he was called to go to Egypt to free the Israelites.
 - Gideon questioned whether he had what takes to lead an army.
- There are many scriptures that show us that God has provided everything we need for the job he has given us to do – that is what we are going to look at tonight.
 - I am a mason by trade and my dad trained me, he gave me my first tools and taught me how to lay block, brick and stone. If I would have never picked up the tools and only watched I would not have learned, even though I had all the tools and the knowledge available to do so.
 - The scriptures are loaded with the knowledge of how and what we are supposed to do.
 - God has given us salvation, the Holy Spirit and many giftings, we lack nothing.
- Let's see what the Word of God says about it.

2 Corinthians 3:2-6 (NKJV)

*"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly **you are an epistle of Christ**, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are **sufficient** of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also **made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."*

Sufficient - Enough; **equal to the end proposed**;

- A. Qualified; competent; possessing adequate talents or accomplishments; as a man sufficient for an office.

Ministers - Properly, a chief servant; hence, an agent appointed to transact or manage business under the authority of another; in which sense, it is a word of very extensive application.

Covenant - (excerpt from Pastor Tim's notes 220824w_Breaking the Fog of Covenant)

- A. "Reasons for covenant. There are basically three reasons for covenant that we find in the Word of God and in secular historical records (much of our understanding of covenant comes from secular historical records.)
1. First, is to establish a love relationship.
 2. Second, is to end dispute between enemies.
 3. Third, is to establish a relationship in which a more powerful side offers to cover/ help/ protect a weaker side."

Sufficient as Minister of the New Covenant - expanded

- A. You are [Sufficient] qualified, possessing adequate talents, of competent power or ability to [Minister] as a chief servant to transact or manage business (God's business, redeeming souls) under the authority of God [of the New Covenant] to an unbreakable binding together covenant which establishes a love relationship between God and people and to end dispute

between enemies (Those who were the enemy of God become the Friend of God) and all is upheld by God.

- B. You and I really have been given what it takes to be the ministers of God He has called us to be.
- C. It was awesome to see the Zambians we ministered together with get ahold of this reality
 - 1. I still remember the first day my main disciples preached.
- D. One of the verses we shared many times with them is the following:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21(NKJV)

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now **all things are of God**, who has **reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

- A. 'Given us the ministry of reconciliation'
 - 1. The duty or service of bringing people back into relationship with God
 - 2. The New Covenant has everything within in to accomplish this, we just have to tell them about it.
 - a. They access it by faith
 - b. In order to have faith they have to hear about it
 - c. We have to tell them about it since we know about it
 - d. If we think we can't tell them.....let's go back to the top and go through this teaching again.
 - 3. Would God give us this ministry of reconciliation without giving us the ability or the things needed to do what He has given us to do?
- B. Ambassadors - His representatives, acting on His behalf for His affairs in the earth to carry out His purposes.
 - 1. We are perfect for this job as we are the Sons of God, we look like Him and act like Him, who better to represent Him!

2 Timothy 1:8-12 (NKJV)

*"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has **saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began**, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has **abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."*

Bonus Scriptures: (All verses NKJV)

Colossians 1:12-14

*"giving thanks to **the Father who has qualified** us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*

2 Peter 1:3-4

*"as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

Ephesians 2:8-10

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. **For we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which **God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**"*

Colossians 1:19-29

*"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and **by Him to reconcile all things to Himself**, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which **I became a minister according to the stewardship from God** which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.**"*

Ephesians 4:22-23

*"that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you **put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**"*

Ephesians 5

*"Therefore be **imitators of God as dear children.**"*