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# Sermon Recap

# **God's Past, Present, and Future Plan**

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# **Ambassador *Defined***

**An accredited diplomat  
sent by a country as its  
official representative to a  
foreign country.**

# **Reconciliation *Defined***

**The end of a broken relationship  
between two parties  
that results in the restoration  
of friendly relations.**

**It is a harmony that is established  
between enemies through a  
peace treaty.**

# **Ambassadors for Christ**

**Commissioned priests in the Kingdom of God that have been sent by God as His official representative to the lost in a fallen world. Their message is, “Come back to God!” and He will restore you to your rightful place.**

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**Only those who continue to live in  
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confident before the judgment  
seat of Christ.**

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**God's unconditional love is revealed most dramatically in the sending of His Son to be a sinless sacrifice for the sins of all people.**

**The cross of Christ meets the ultimate need of all human beings, which is their need for mercy from a righteous God.**

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# Principle #6

The Lord's message of reconciliation is all that stands between heaven and hell.

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# Principle #7

Every relationship in the life of an ambassador for Christ carries the real consequence of reconciliation or judgment for someone.

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