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**Title:**

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(You in the Word, You in the World and You in the Work)

**Lesson Scripture:** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

**Memory Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Introduction:** Who am I? (A time for self-reflection) This is a question that many have pondered but only a few have confidently answered. There are even a few young adults who take a year off after graduation to "find themselves." Are they lost? Perhaps! Go to any bookstore or library and you will discover that many authors have attempted to tell you who you are and why you are here. But those in Christ know who they are (God's chosen people holy and dearly loved) and whose they are (God's people) and what they ought to do (serve). We ought to follow the specific instructions given to us by God. God sets the tone in his instructions. He doesn't make special request and ask us to respond when we think we are ready. He doesn't ask us to check our schedule but he commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. Instructions for the world's work.

**Background**

*You in the Word...You in the World...You in the Works.* The Word of God clearly defines who we are in Christ. We will examine a few of scriptures and reflect on how the Word of God defines us, who we are in the world and what are our works.

***You in the Word...***

You are ...a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17)

You are...a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation of people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

You are...a workman approved by God (2 Tim 2:15)

You are....more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)

You are... no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, (Ephesians 2:18-20)

### ***You in the World...***

In the World...For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Corinthians 10:3)

In the World...We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:20)

In the World...Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)

### ***You in the Works...***

The Works...Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:28-29)

The Works...For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.(Eph 2:8-10)

The Works... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

The Works... For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2:10)

**Summary:** As a believer you ought to identify yourself as a child of God. Your light must shine for all men to see and whatever works done in words or deeds must be done unto the Father in Heaven. So remember, go as an ambassador for Christ.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

1. How are you an ambassador for Christ?
2. Is your passion for Christ compelling others?

