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Reigning For Christ

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace (Isaiah 9:6-7a)

Jesus, the Christ has come in fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah to the Jews (Matthew 2:18-23) and further, as Savior of the whole world (John 3:16-17). After Jesus finished all that was required of Him (John 17:4, 1Timothy 3:16, Luke 24:25-27), He rose from death and commissioned His followers to continue His ministry:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus completed His life's work of coming to reconcile us to God. Our work for Christ is to use Christ's words, Christ's ability and Christ's authority to continue Christ's ministry of reconciling people and the world to God. I look forward to working together with you in the coming years to do just that—no excuses.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2Corinthians 5:18-21)

Love and Prayers,
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