John 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world..."
John 20:21,. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

- In this message we want to learn the PURPOSE OF BEING SENT.
- What does SENT mean?
- How is it that His mission began OUR HEAVENLY MISSION.

1. Faith in that the Father sent Him was the motive and power for all that He did and is also His plan for us.
   - Knowledge we are sent by Him - Acts 1:8.
2. Consciousness of being sent to witness as our mission present and remembered for our faithfulness.
3. Jesus did not act independently, but on the behalf of another who sent Him. So with us - witness is not our plan, but His.
4. Fulfilling our mission is one of our most glorious parts of our conformity to Christ Jesus.
5. Knowing that our mission of showing the love of heaven corresponds to and is identical to Jesus Christ, is a source of great encouragement.

Let us study some similarities to challenge and encourage the same.

I. THE SAME OBJECT

1. To make known God's love and His will to redeem sinners.
2. To represent the unseen Father God in heaven by life and lip that people on earth might know what God was like.
3. Jesus fulfilled His mission, ascended to the heavens and committed His mission into our hands. What are we doing? Are we accepting or rejecting it?
4. We are to the lost what Christ is like - our mission.

II. THE SAME ORIGIN

1. God chose His Son Christ for the work and He has chosen us also.
2. In His seeking us, not our seeking Him, He demonstrated the heavenly plan - as He did, so are we to do - seek them out.
3. Think and think upon this heavenly divine origin of our calling until it conquers all doubts, fears, and rebellion.

III. THE SAME EQUIPPING

1. "The Father hath not left me alone" was His source and strength.
2. "Even so" is our mission - "Go ye and teach all nations" strengthened by "Lo, I am with you always..."
3. The equipping and empowering is operational as one fulfills his mission.
4. The grace to demonstrate Christ is activated by ones faithfulness to "Do" not "think about."

IV. THE SAME CONSECRATION IS DEMANDED

1. "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day (I have life) the night (end) cometh, when no man can work."
2. Jesus, our example and model, gave Himself entirely and undividedly to accomplish His mission.
3. The Father's mission was His only reason for His being on earth - as with Jesus, so with us.
4. Regretfully most Christians make it one of their many reasons and with a very low priority - a catch as can commitment.
5. Jo. 21:20, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

V. THE SAME DECISION AND COMMITMENT MUST BE MADE OF EACH OF US

1. "Not my will, but thine be done..."
2. The glorified Jesus sends you and I to represent Him and present Him as the only Saviour.
3. Lord Jesus, help us to understand we are sent by you, just as you were sent by God, our Father.
4. Let's make it individually and as a church. Then we will be living a life well pleasing to God, our Heavenly Father.

CLL 101 - IN HIS RESURRECTION POWER

Text: Romans 6:4, 5, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."
Vs. 4 - "That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

1. Most believers lives are full of sin, weakness and defeat because the words, "In the likeness of His resurrection" has remained a mystery to them.
   A. They think He rose just for their salvation and to go back to Heaven and later come to get them for Heaven.
   B. They get frustrated and fearful upon hearing the true commitment God requires.
   C. They just cannot imagine how it can be really required that they should live like Christ.
2. To those who earnestly desire to walk as Christ did, the knowledge of the likeness of His resurrection is indispensible.
   - It is only the power of His resurrection that gives us strength to be faithful continually and grow to Christ's likeness.
3. When Jesus makes us partakers of His life, it is not the life that He had before His death, but the Resurrection Life that He won and received through death.
   - A life in which sin is already ended and put away. A way of life where we no longer have to yield to sins dominion.
4. For those who are weary of a life of Christian failure, then a life of fellowship in Christ's death and resurrection brings an end to the life where 'Sin is too strong for us' and is the commencement of a life where 'Christ in us is too strong for sin.'

- Three questions we need to answer to walk in Jesus' footsteps and live the better life the scriptures promise:

I. ARE YOU READY TO SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO THE COMPLETE RULE OF JESUS AND HIS RESURRECTION LIFE?

1. Stop seeking your own will and pleasures.
2. Lay aside your ambition, pride and selfishness.
3. Repent of your lack of concern and love for others, especially the unregenerated.
4. Acknowledge your areas of disobedience.
5. Offer yourself unreservedly to Him with all your weaknesses, failures and unfaithfulness for His kingdom ways and works.
6. Say, "Jesus, I give my entire life with all I have to always do your will. I restore all my desires or rights to have or do my own will. I will to be ruled by you, not satan or self."

II. ARE YOU PREPARED TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LIFE COMMITTED TO HIM AND HE WILL RULE, GUIDE AND KEEP IT?

1. We indeed are unable. It is the Living Jesus, who is the resurrection, who showed His power over all our enemies. He gives the Holy Spirit as our Powerful Enabler. He will perform His work as we trust Him.
2. The Holy Spirit is in us and will daily and hourly see to it that we live the Christ Life.
3. Confess, "I am dead with Christ and Risen with Him. I live no more my life, but Christ lives His life. I am now much more, far above a 'servant of Christ' than I ever was a 'slave of satan.'"

III. ARE YOU READY TO USE THIS RESURRECTION LIFE FOR THE SAME IDENTICAL PURPOSE THAT GOD GAVE IT TO CHRIST - A POWER OF BLESSING TO THE LOST?

1. If you are seeking more of Jesus for your own personal growth, happiness, health, prosperity, it will fail.
2. Yield your life to receive His Resurrection life with the same aim.
3. Give yourself wholly to working and praying for the lost. Then you will become an instrument, as Christ, in which the Resurrection life can work out its glorious purpose.

CLL 102 - IN HIS FORGIVING LOVE

Text: Col. 3:13 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you."

I. REASONS WHY WE DO NOT FORGIVE

1. Protecting Big "I". I have been harmed, so selfishness looks for evidence I am right and you are wrong - Self-centeredness - Suicide by degrees.
2. Wrong concept on forgiveness:
   - We demand justice. Their repentance will prove we are right. When they do right then I will forgive them.
3. Easily find others who agree we've been abused, misused, or wronged to support our stand.
   - Self easily justifies reason for not forgiving.

II. REASONS WHY WE MUST ALWAYS FORGIVE REGARDLESS

1. One of the first and greatest blessings we received from God.
2. Forgiving others is one of the greatest manifestations of God's Divine Nature in operation within us.
3. The inseparable connection of God forgiving us and our forgiveness of others. Col. 3:13, "Even as Christ forgave you, so also do you."
4. God plans for His Divine forgiving love to enable us to forgive. He knows we are incapable.
5. Desiring to be forgiven or to forgive is proof God's forgiving love is working within.
6. God's forgiving love can overcome the two great problems where human reasoning about the word of God is nullified:
   A. It is really more than can be expected of me.
   B. It should be done but find a reason in this case; why it should not be so.
7. To experience the personal benefit forgiving others can bring to us.
   - Since there is a joy in being forgiven, surely there is a greater joy in giving forgiveness.
8. We personally are set free from the prison of unforgiveness.
9. What Christ has done must be the rule of our conduct for proper growth to be like Him.
   - A strong doorway to maturity due to life in this world.
10. Prayer to Consider:

"To forgive like you, blessed Son of God! I take this as the law of my life. You who have given the command will also give the power. You who loved enough to forgive me will also fill me with love and teach me to forgive others. You who gave me the first blessing, in the joy of having my sins forgiven, will surely give me the second blessing, the deeper joy of forgiving others as you have forgiven me.

I must be like you. I can be as you are. What you demand of me by your example, you work in me by your life. I shall forgive like you."

CLL 103 - IN HIS COMPASSION

Text: Mt. 15:32 "Then Jesus said, I have compassion on the multitude."
Mt. 18:33 "Shouldn't thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?"

I. COMPASSION IS THE GOD LOVE AWAKENED IN US BY THE FUTURE OF THE LOST AND THEIR NEED.
   - The fullest scope of God's love is seen in reaching out to save the sinner.

II. COMPASSION CAUSED JESUS, AND IT ALSO WILL CAUSE US, NOT TO LOOK UPON THE WILL OF GOD AS A DUTY OR OBLIGATION; BUT GOD EXPRESSING HIMSELF THROUGH US -- A SPIRITUAL, NATURAL THING.
John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent (saved) me."

III. COMPASSION WILL ENABLE US TO ACCEPT GOD'S WILL FOR US AS WHAT IT WAS FOR JESUS - THE SALVATION OF THE PERISHING.
   - Only He can enable us to surrender ourselves to have the same mind and attitude toward sinners.

IV. COMPASSION ENABLED JESUS TO PROVE THE LOVING WILL OF HIS FATHER TO SAVE SINNERS IN HIS LIFE AND DEATH AS AN EXAMPLE FOR US.
   - One cannot labor in the harvest, if one is not in the field.

V. COMPASSION LONGS TO GIVE ITSELF TO A PERISHING WORLD AND FINDS FULFILLMENT AND SATISFACTION IN SEEING THE LOST SAVED.
   - It seeks hearts that will consider it a great privilege and honor to live to win the lost.

VI. COMPASSION CAUSES ONE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES OF EXPRESSION, NOT EXCUSE AND HIDING.
   - An abundance of occasions for practice is available for all Christian

VII. CHRISTIAN EMPTINESS AND DRYNESS IS THE MARK OF LACK OF COMPASSION FOR OTHERS.
   - It is a sign of selfishness at rule.

VIII. COMPASSION NEVER WEARIES, NEVER GIVES UP HOPE, NEVER ALLOWS REPETITION TO STOP OR CONTROL IT.

IX. COMPASSION LOOKS UPON NEED AND MISERY OF PEOPLE AS THE PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY - IS ATTRACTED BY IT.

X. A PRAYER TO CONSIDER:

"O my Lord, my calling is becoming almost too high. In your compassionate love, I must follow and reproduce your life. It is the compassion with which I help bodily and spiritual misery, in the gentle tender love which every sinner feels from me, that the world forms its idea of your compassion. Most merciful One! forgive me that the world has seen so little of it in me. Most mighty Redeemer! let your compassion not only save me, but so take hold of me and dwell in me that compassion may be the very breath and joy of my life. May your compassion toward me be within me a living fountain of compassion toward others."