

\* As the Father sent Jesus even so Jesus has sent the church into the world

#2531 καθώς *kathos*

= just as, in proportion, in the degree that

#2504 κἀγώ *kago*

= I also, in like manner, correspondingly

(John 20:21, 17:18)

\* In order to understand what it means to be sent by Jesus we must understand what it meant for Jesus to be sent by the Father

1. Jesus was sent not to do His own will but the will of Him who sent Him (John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38)

➤ in the same way we are in the world to do the will of Him who sent us, not our own

(Eph 6:6; 1 Pet 4:1-2)

2. Jesus was sent not to please Himself but to please His Father (John 8:29)

➤ in the same way we have as our one desire to please Christ who sent us

(2 Cor 5:9-10; Eph 5:10; 1 Cor 7:32; Phil 3:7-8)

3. Jesus was sent not to seek His own glory but the glory of God who sent Him (John 7:18)

➤ in the same way we do not want praise or attention for ourselves but that our lives and witness would point only to Christ

(Acts 1:8; Isa 43:10; John 3:30)

4. Jesus was sent to represent and to declare to the world the One who sent Him (John 5:37; 1:18)

➤ in the same way we are sent to present and declare to the world our invisible Head

(2 Cor 5:20; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:10)

5. Jesus was sent to make the invisible God visible so that the world would see God

(John 12:44-45)

➤ in the same way we are to live in a way that the world can see Him who sent us

(Gal 2:20, 4:19, 5:22-23)

6. Jesus was sent to live through or by the living God who sent Him (John 6:57)

➤ in the same way we are sent to live by Christ; He is our life

(Col 3:3-4; Phil 1:21)

7. Jesus was sent with the words, teachings and commandments of God who sent Him

(John 3:34; 7:16; 12:49-50)

➤ in the same way we have been sent not with our own message, but rather with the gospel of Christ for salvation

- to make disciples who will observe all that Christ has commanded

(Matt 28:19-20)

8. Jesus could do nothing apart from the One who sent Him (John 5:30)

➤ in the same way we are totally dependent on Christ who sent us and without Him we can do nothing (John 15:5)

9. Jesus was never alone; His Father who sent Him was always with Him (John 8:16, 29)

➤ in the same way we have the promise of the constant presence of Christ as well as the Father (Matt 28:20; Acts 18:10; Heb 13:5)

10. Jesus was sent to do the work of the One who sent Him

- when that work was done, He went back to the One who sent Him (John 7:33; 16:5)

➤ in the same way we are always abounding in the work of our Lord Jesus

- when our work is done we too will be taken home to be with the One who sent us

(Phil 1:23; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Phil 3:20)