UNDER GOD?

October 30, 2016

Pastor Chris Hill

One Nation

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Ephesians 4:1-6 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, pondering what would be on the resume of an ambassador for Christ?
- Start the Under God? Bible Plan on YouVersion. Go to www. Go2.lc/undergod
- Select one thing that will make me a better representative of Christ and begin putting it into practice this week.
- Become a citizen of God's nation by receiving Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

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As Christ's Ambassador

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You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit,... John 15:16 (NLT)

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Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you.

1 Peter 2:12 (GW)

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