

**Sunday, November 05, 2023**

**Why Serve?**

**We're supposed to be like Jesus**

**Ephesians 5: 1 & 2 (NLT)**

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*

**Philippians 2: 1 – 8 (NLT)**

*Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privilege; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

**Romans 8: 29 (NLT)**

*For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

**Matthew 20: 25 - 28 (NLT)**

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**Our Service Doesn't Save Us!**

**Ephesians 2: 8 – 10 (NLT)**

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

**1 Peter 4: 10 (NLT)**

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

**1 Corinthians 12: 7 (NLT)**

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*

**Our service is A way to show the world that God cares**

**Matthew 5: 16 (NLT)**

*In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

**Sin**

**Romans 3: 23 (NLT)**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

**Death**

**Romans 6: 23 (ESV)**

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Love**

**Romans 5: 8 (ESV)**

*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Faith**

**Ephesians 2: 8 & 9 (ESV)**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

**Life**

**Romans 10: 9 & 10 (ESV)**

*...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*