

SERVICE

Rom 6:12-23

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is service?
 - 1. Webster: "the work or action performed by one who serves."
 - 2. Vines: Slave; (doulos) an adjective signifying "in bondage" Rom 6:19 - frequently indicates subjection without the idea of bondage.
- B. We are servants of the Lord 2Tim 2:24; therefore our service must be pleasing to him
- C. There is a great need for servants of the Lord.
 - 1. Harvest great, laborers few Lk 10:2
 - 2. Fields white unto harvest Jhn 4:35,36

DISCUSSION:

I. THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

- A. A voluntary service
 - 1. Examples: Moses Heb 11:24; Apostles Matt 4:19,20
 - 2. Ours must be of our own free will Matt 16:24
- B. Note terms:
 - 1. YIELD: (paristano & paristemi) To set or place alongside Rom 6:12-23
 - 2. PRESENT: (paristemi) to set or place alongside; Lit. to place near, set before Rom 12:1
- C. Ought to be a cheerful service Psa 100:2; 122:1

II. MOTIVE FOR SERVICE IS LOVE

- A. Love is the motive for whatever we do 1Cor 13:3
- B. Love the basis for serving one another Gal 5:13
- C. If we love God we will serve Him Jhn 14:15, 21-23
- D. Can't say we love God and not serve Him Isa 53:4,5
 - 1. God's love for man Jhn 3:16; Rom 5:8,9; Mk 10:45
 - 2. Can't love God and hate our brother 1Jhn 4:20
 - 3. One of the primary ways we serve Christ is by serving our fellow man Matt 25:40,45

III. SERVICE IS THE MEASURE OF GREATNESS

- A. To be great be a minister; To be chief be a servant Matt 20:26-28; Mk 10:42-45
- B. Humble ourselves to be exalted Matt 23:10-12

III. FAITH MADE ALIVE OR PROVEN BY SERVICE

- A. Faith without works is dead Jas 2:17-20
 - 1. Justified by works not by faith only
 - 2. By works faith made perfect (complete)
- B. We prove our faith by our service
 - 1. Noah's faith proved by obedience Heb 11:7
 - 2. Moses chose to serve God by faith Heb 11:24

V. REWARD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

- A. Parable of the talents Matt 25:14-30
 - 1. Well done good (and) faithful servant
 - 2. Rewarded because of faithful service
 - 3. Note also Mk 10:28-30 "Now in this time"
- B. Righteous rewarded for service to brethren Matt 25:34-40
- C. He that reapeth receiveth wages Jhn 4:36
- D. Must endure to the end Matt 24:13
- E. Be faithful unto death Rev 2:10

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember there is a great need for service Lk 10:2; Jhn 4:35
 - 1. Harvest is great but laborers are few
 - 2. Fields already white unto harvest
- B. The spirit of our service must be a voluntary, willing and cheerful service
- C. Our service must be motivated by our love for God and our fellowman
- D. Our service determines our greatness in the kingdom of God
- E. The only way we can prove or make our faith alive is by our service
- F. Our reward will only be for faithful service
- G. To be a servant you must willingly submit to God's terms and He will then add you to his family the church. You must "yield yourself" Rom 6:13,16