

# WE VALUE SERVING

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## Ephesians 2:8–10 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### 1. I CANNOT BE SAVED BY **BEING GOOD**.

*"As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless..." (Romans 3:10–12, NLT)*

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23, NLT)*

**JESUS:** *"Only God is truly good." (Luke 18:19, NLT)*

### 2. I CANNOT BE SAVED BY **DOING GOOD**.

*"...No one does good, not a single one!" (Psalm 14:3, NLT)*

*"We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind." (Isaiah 64:6, NLT)*

### 3. I CAN ONLY BE SAVED BY **BECOMING GOOD**.

*"For it is by God's **GRACE** that you have been saved through **FAITH**..." (Ephesians 2:8a, GNB)*

- **GRACE** = God's Riches at Christ's Expense

*"For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" (2 Corinthians 5:21, The Living Bible)*

- **FAITH** = Forsaking All; I Trust Him

*"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." (Romans 10:9–10, NIV)*

*"...everyone who believes in him will have eternal life." (John 3:15, NLT)*

4. IF I SAY I'VE BECOME GOOD, BUT I DON'T DO GOOD THEN I'M ACTUALLY NO GOOD.

*<sup>14</sup> What good is it...if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?...you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. <sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." <sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? (James 2:14–20, NLT)*

**Why serving is so important**

- It defeats SELFISHNESS.
- It causes me to GROW.
- It makes me like JESUS.
- It keeps me OBEDIENT.

*"Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." (James 4:17, NLT)*

**ACTION:**

**Get on the team – CLASS 101**  
**Get in the game – SIGN UP TO SERVE!**