EVERY LIFE – 1 "Every Life Comes with a Gift" May 21, 2023

Hebrews 10:11-12 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. (NIV)

1 Peter 2:5 You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (NIV)

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (NIV)

1. You were <u>Created</u> for Ministry.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

2. You were **Saved** for Ministry.

2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. (NLT)

3. You were <u>Called</u> for Ministry.

Ephesians 4:1 As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (NIV)

4. You are Gifted for Ministry.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (NIV)

5. You are <u>Needed</u> for Ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 21, 26 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (NIV)

6. You are Accountable for Ministry.

Matthew 25:19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them." (NIV)

7. You will be **Rewarded** for your Ministry.

Matthew 25:23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (NIV)