

Saved To Serve 11-16-2025

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Saved TO Serve - Saved FOR Works

Ephesians 2:1-10 NLT

Created to Serve - Recap

1. Genesis 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
 - a. Prior to sin - Man was created to Serve
 - b. God gave man a job to do - Tend the Garden
2. Consumerism Christianity
 - a. Too many Christians think the Church exists to serve them
 - b. Consumerism says I'm entitled to _____
3. In John 13 1-17, Jesus took Basin and a Towel and washed the Disciples feet
 - a. He was teaching them to Serve
 - b. Serving brings down Strongholds
 - c. Serving confuses the enemy
 - d. Serving gets the attention of God

4. There are Bi-Products of Serving
 - a. Fulfillment
 - b. Peace
 - c. Fun

Saved BY GRACE - Ephesian 2:1-9

1. God loved us so much, that even though we were dead (separated from God)... - vs 5
2. He gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead - IT IS ONLY BY GRACE THAT YOU ARE SAVED!- vs 5
 - a. Grace = unmerited Favor
 - b. There is nothing you can do can do to EARN Salvation
3. God saved you by His Grace when you BELIEVED - and you can't take credit for this - vs 8
4. Salvation is NOT a REWARD for the Good things we have done - vs 9

Saved FOR Works - Ephesians 2:10

1. 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. Ephesians 2:10
2. Salvation brings us back into a Right-Standing with God - similar to the relationship Adam had with God
3. Adam was created to SERVE - You are Created to SERVE - You are Saved TO SERVE
4. This is why you will not find fulfillment, happiness, joy, peace... Until you understand the Power of SERVING in the Kingdom of GOD
5. You are Saved BY Grace - You are Saved FOR Works

God has Given each of us GIFTS to SERVE - I Peter 4:10-11

1. Use them well to SERVE one another
2. Do you have the gift of speaking, then speak as though God is speaking through you... Do you have the gift of helping others?
3. Do it with all the strength and energy God supplies

4. Then everything you do **WILL BRING GLORY TO GOD**
 - a. When you SERVE others, it brings Glory to God
 - b. When you SERVE in the Church it brings Glory to God
5. Your Gifts are like muscles
 - a. Fail to use them and they become WEAK
 - b. The more you use them, the STRONGER they become - the more proficient you are
 - c. The more you use them, the MORE God blesses them
 - d. Example - Parable of the Talents

Jesus Himself our Example Matthew 20:25-28 ASV

1. The mother of James and John went to Jesus and asked Him to allow her two sons to sit in places of honor in His Kingdom - one on the left and the other on the right
2. The other ten disciples were annoyed at their arrogance
3. Jesus began to teach... THE KINGDOM OF GOD is not like the Kingdom of this world
 - a. He said, Among you, It will be different
 - b. Whoever wants to be first among you must become your minister
 - c. Whosoever would be first among shall be your SERVANT
 - d. The Son of Man came not to BE MINISTERED TO, but to MINISTER
4. Gentile (Unbelievers) think the goal is to sit at the table and allow someone to wait on them
5. Christian BELIEVERS are called not to be Ministered to, but to Minister
6. It starts with a Basin and a Towel
 - a. You want to sing on the platform, sing to a baby in the Nursery
 - b. You want to teach a class, pick up a broom, work the check in station at the Kid's Ministry, Disciple teenagers...
 - c. In other words, pick up a BASIN and a TOWEL and begin Washihng Feet