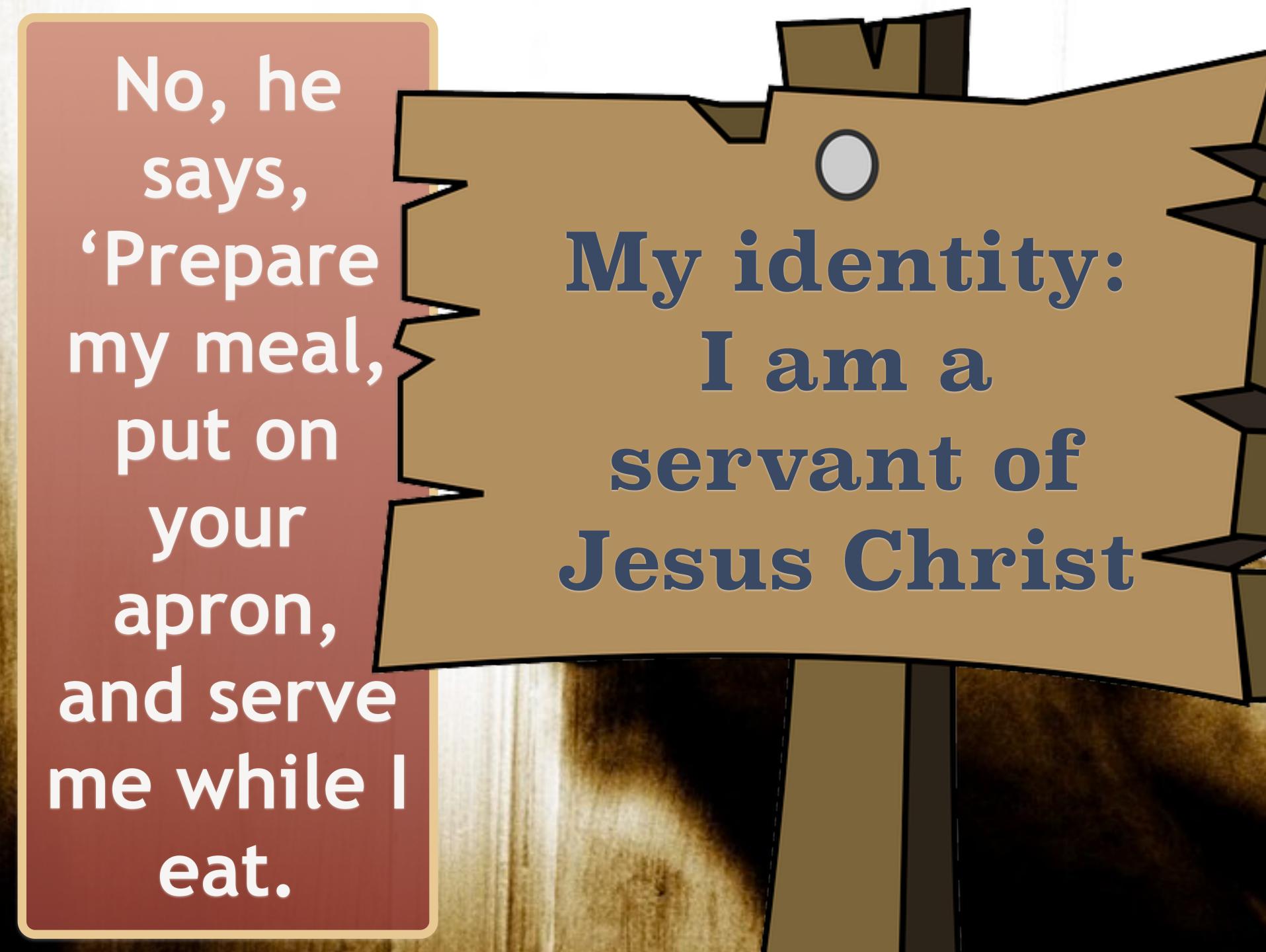


"When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'



The Master is coming and there's work to be done. "And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not."

"We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done." Humble people reject honor. They understand that nothing they do for God makes Him indebted to them. Their service to Him is their duty, and less than He deserves, and no matter what they do they are unworthy of the unmerited eternal blessings He graciously grants them. (MacArtur)

Even when we fully obey His commands we still cannot make requests of God on the basis of our obedience. God's rewards are by grace, not merit. (see Rom. 4:1-4)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Eh. 2:8, 9 (NLT)

## What's so amazing about grace?

Eph. 2:8, 9 We were given a free gift based on God's character rather than our behavior.

All we had to offer was our sin, totally Rom. 5:8 devoid of the power to save ourselves.

Now we are able to fully love Him because He first loved us!

We come repenting of self-sufficiency, placing full trust in His All-Sufficiency.