

11.10.21 – A Weekly Word for Covenant Church

Title: “Who am I Serving?”

Scripture Reading: [Colossians 3:18-4:1](#) ; [Mark 10:17-45](#) ; [Matthew 6:19-24](#)

Reflection: Pastor Henry

Recently, I had the privilege of helping to lead a chapel at Legacy Christian Middle School. Their chapel theme for the month of November is “Be Filled with Service.” Service and serving are common themes in the Bible. You can find many passages in the Old Testament and the New Testament that deal with service/serving. It’s a theme that comes up again, and again, and again.

Have you ever wondered why this is the case? Have you ever wondered why the Bible talks about service and serving so often?

Could it be because when it comes to serving, you and I have so many different options of things that we can devote our hearts and lives towards? Friends, you and I can serve all kinds of different things. And because we are dependent creatures, we need to serve something. So, God graciously reminds us again and again and again to be aware of and to choose wisely who and/or what we are serving.

Our text for this week (in addition to the few others included above) is one of these great reminders. Paul says to the church in Colossae, when it comes to your marriage relationship, when it comes to parenting, when it comes to being children, when it comes to work (whether it’s working as a slave for a master, or whether it’s being the master of a slave), when it comes to all the different areas of your life, remember...“It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Because of Colossians 1:1 – 3:4, Paul says “...²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”

Because Jesus...

- has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
- is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation
- is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together
- is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy
- reconciled to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross
- reconciled you by (His) physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation
- made you alive. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross

- disarmed the powers and authorities, (and) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross
- freed us from the elemental spiritual forces of this world
- is, seated at the right hand of God

...Paul says to you and to me, serve the Lord Jesus in every area of our life. Don't serve a lesser power or thing (money, self/ego, social status, work, education, etc.) which are unable to provide the things that only Jesus can provide. Only Jesus can reconcile. Only Jesus can offer salvation. Only Jesus can forgive us all our sins. Therefore, Paul says to us, whatever we do should serve Jesus.

Friends, is this true for us today? Is our Lord Jesus in the top spot of our hearts and all the different areas of our lives? Is our Lord Jesus in the top spot of our marriages? Are we serving our spouse in the same way that Jesus served us? Is our Lord Jesus in the top spot when it comes to our relationships with our children and parents? Are we serving our children and/or our parents in the same way that Jesus served us? Is our Lord Jesus in the top spot when it comes to our work life? Are we serving our boss/manager/employer in the same way that Jesus served us? Are we serving our employees in the same way that Jesus served us? Whatever role we have at work, are we working for the Lord? Is our Lord Jesus in the top spot of all the other areas (areas that Paul didn't touch on in our text for this week) of our lives too? Who are we serving? The Lord Jesus, or someone or something else?

Prayer:

Jesus, our Lord, and Savior, you served us graciously, wholeheartedly, sacrificially, completely through your reconciling and redeeming work on the cross. Thank you for this great gift! Spirit of God, empower us, to serve those around us as Jesus served us. Spirit of God, whatever we do each day, whether in word or deed, empower us to do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus! AMEN

Action Item for the Day/Week:

Make serving the members of your family and those at your work/school a priority this week. What act of kindness could you do for your spouse, your parent(s), your sibling(s), your boss/manager, your co-worker(s), your teacher(s), or fellow student(s)?

Songs for today:

[May the Mind of Christ My Savior](#)

[He Came Down That We Might Have Love](#)

[Do Something](#)