

**A SERVANT WHO SERVES**  
**Matthew 20:25-28; Philippians 2:6-7**  
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**Introduction**

I. Ancient and modern views on humble servants:

II. Scripture's overall perspective on servant:

➔ As members of the body of Christ who have been called out of the world and unto God, we have an obligation to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives around our confession of hope.

*Hebrews 10:23 – Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

**The Source of the Servant's Life**

I. John 15 explains to us the vital picture of \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

Abide { menō } →

*Matthew 26:38 – My soul is very sorrowful, even to the death; [ABIDE] here, and watch with me.*

A. How do we dwell with Jesus? Abiding in Christ in its simplest terms is trusting our Lord and obeying His word. It is as simple as our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1) John 15:7 – If you abide in me, and **my words abide in you** → that's belief

2) John 15:10a – If you **keep my commandments**, you will abide in my love... → that's behavior

i. Obedient behavior is the visible, external fruit of the invisible, inward abiding of your heart. God's desire is for both. But faith must \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.

**It Shall Not Be So Among You! – Matthew 20:20-28**

I. The mother of James and John offered a bold request to Jesus. "Can my boys sit at your right and left hand in your kingdom, Jesus?"

A. Jesus points out that the preferred posture of the Gentile rulers is being \_\_\_\_\_ people in contrast with the posture of humility that Jesus took.

B. Jesus says the path to greatness is achieved through \_\_\_\_\_ and to be first you must be a \_\_\_\_\_.

➔ **PROBLEM...**the humility required for this is not within anyone who is in Adam!

C. Jesus saw that we could not serve ourselves and produce this godly character from within us. And so the Son of Man came. And he came not to be served to serve. He came to be \_\_\_\_\_ servant.

*1 John 2:19 – We need him to serve us if we are to have any hope of serving him and serving others.*

## Jesus as Two Types of Servants

- I. Jesus the Servant in Matthew 20:28 → { **diakonos** }
  - A. to minister; to attend to another's interests; to wait at a table
  - B. The emphasis of *diakonos* is on what he or she \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. Jesus the Servant in Philippians 2:7 → { **doulos** }
  - A. bond servant; slave, whether involuntary or voluntary, slave who belongs to a master
  - B. The emphasis of *doulos* is on who you \_\_\_\_\_ to.

## How Does Jesus Serve Us Today?

- I. Jesus **SERVES** us \_\_\_\_\_ to eat providing the energy we need

Deuteronomy 8:3 – *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

- A. Jesus himself is the “bread of life” (John 6:35) who “came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Yes, whoever feeds on this bread will live forever” (John 6:58).

- II. Jesus **SERVES** us \_\_\_\_\_ to wear that we might be rightly presentable

Isaiah 61:10a – *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness...* (see also Gal. 3:27 / Col. 3:9-14)

- A. As we are clothed in the splendor of our Savior, Jesus, we become presentable to God. He calls us his child and invites us to call him Father. Because of Christ, we are \_\_\_\_\_ for his glory.

- III. Jesus serves us by **GIVING** his life as a ransom for many, \_\_\_\_\_ himself in our place.

- IV. Jesus serves us by **GIVING** his \_\_\_\_\_ (see Ephesians 1:6).

*“Grace is uncaused in the recipient: its cause lies wholly in the giver, in God.” – William R. Newell*

- V. Jesus serves us by **GIVING** his \_\_\_\_\_ (see Ephesians 2:14).

Psalms 4:8 – *In **SHALOM** I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

## Conclusion – Isaiah 55:1-2

- I. Our God looks upon our sinful souls and compassionately desires to serve us what is good and rich and \_\_\_\_\_. And he is willing to give it to us at no cost to us (Isaiah 55:1-2).
- II. The Christian life begins when we stop trying to serve God according to our good works and we trust God to serve us according to the good work of his Son, Jesus Christ. And just as it began by faith so it \_\_\_\_\_, day by day being served by Jesus (Colossians 2:6).
- III. When we breathe our last, Jesus Messiah who conquered death, will be there to \_\_\_\_\_ you and usher you into his eternal, glorious presence (John 14:2-3).