

**Born with Identity**  
**Part 3: Servants and Slaves – “No Life!”**  
***Slide Notations***

**Knowing who we are determines what we do; having the clearest picture of ourselves makes us the best we can be!**

**Lowering the “i”:** If you know: “You see in your calling, how that not many wise, or mighty, or noble are called; but God has chosen the foolish to shame the wise and the weak to shame the mighty and the base things, which are least esteemed so that no flesh can glory in His presence... **1Cor1.26-28**

**Then you might believe you’re nothing much...**

**Raising the “thy”:** But if you add: “But by Him you are made in Christ Jesus, who by God is wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, which is why we say, ‘our boast is all in Him!’” **v29-31**

**Then you might believe you are loved and valued by God, lifted and engaged with Him in bringing salvation to mankind!**

**So far... *Word and Spirit people!*** The foundation of everything Christian! The Word is our sustenance and the Spirit is our breath! *Servant and Slave people!* Couldn’t begin until we dealt with the failed model we have inherited from five-fold ministers...

**So far... “Spiritual Leaders”** have corrupted the servant model... Love their titles contrary to the style of Jesus ministry... Love their preeminence contrary to the character of Jesus... Love their authority contrary to the command of Jesus... **They call themselves servants of God, but act like worldly leaders/rulers!**

**Failed model...** Jesus spoke to the multitude and His disciples, “Religious leaders love the seat of power and rule, and what they teach you from God’s word is true, so observe and do it – but do not do what they do; they say the right things but do not do them! They love the showy life, the preeminence and their titles, but are weak in private practice... he that is great among you will be your servant!” **Mt 23.1-33**

**Right model...** Though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of for “my arm is bent” and I can do nothing but! If I preach voluntarily I have a reward. If I do it grudgingly, I just discharge my duty... but I have made my decision to submit myself as a slave unto all men so that I might gain some more... and I do it to be a full share-holder with you in the gospel! **1Cor 9.16-23**

So if the ‘teachers’ have it wrong, how can the students do better? **By following the Word, and the ‘servant leaders’ of Jesus new order!** “I have given you an example of service to follow... happy will you be if you know it and do it!” **John 13.12-17**

**Savior and Lord!** Going to explore the progression... **Mk10** “In the world there are rulers and rulers over them all; in My world there are servants among you and slaves like Me!” Believers: okay. Servants: better. Slaves: best

**Believers...** This is the Savior but not Lord level! Consumers of time, energy, resources... In the Kingdom of God, going to heaven... But babes and children who need help... “Newborn babes, desiring the milk of the word...” **1P2.2** “Having no experience in the word because they are babes...” **H5.13** “Tossed around, carried away by differing winds of doctrine...” **E4.14**

**Young converts need care, protection, feeding! But there is an expectation of the Lord for all babies to grow up into children and then into grown sons and daughters!**

**Expectations...** “You do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men... If you’re coming after Me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Me! **Mk8.33** “Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do

not the things I say?" **Lk 6.46** When you have done everything you were called to do, then say I am an unprofitable servant, I have only done my duty!" **Lk17.1-10** "I beg you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God which is your reasonable service. And don't continue to be conformed by the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind to prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God." **R12.1,2** Put on the Lord and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill it's lusts! **R13.14** I could not speak to you as spiritual, but as carnal, as babes in Christ. I fed you milk and not meat for you were not able to keep it down, neither are you now... as long as you are and act carnal and walk as mere men. **1C3.1ff** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **1C13.11** Keep growing... so that you are no longer children tossed around and deceived by cunning men... **E4.14** For when the time has passed that you should be matured into teachers, you have to return to the basic principles again, needing milk because you can't handle the solid foods... strong meat belongs to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil! **H5.12-14** ***Completely normal for a young child to breast feed... but we all have expectations...!***

**Servants...** Diakonos: 30x servant/minister, deacon, waiter, attendant, errand runner! "Find people of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom/to serve." **A6.3** "Deacons must be honorable, not double tongued, abstemious with wine, not open to dishonest gain, a clean conscience regarding the faith, proven faithful; then ministering without blame, their mates; the same, together, ruling their marriage, kids and household well." **1T3.8-13**

One step out of the consumer stage! High side of the Christ-follower descent! Self-ruled; I will/won't/don't/can't/want! Attitude/heart is everything at this level... determining/revealing "depth" capacity! All know "deacons/leaders/team members"/overstep their boundaries/ violate the spirit of serving as Christ!

This is the scariest time in a Christ-ian life! Get a sense of destiny confused with accomplished tasks... Confuse a sense of self-satisfaction, even sacrifice, w/measure-pleasure of God! Still far from arrival/completion... Still go home to your life at the end of the day!

***At this point it's something you did with your life, it hasn't yet become your lifestyle of loving and serving God and His people!***

**Slaves...** Doulos: slave 127x NT: "And whoever wants to be foremost among you, let him be your slave, like Me" **Mt 20.27,28** We are delivered from the law and should now slave in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter! **R7.6** From the Lord we receive the reward of our inheritance for we are His slaves! **Col 3.24**

Live in the Master's house... Are clothed in His glory... Are fed from His table... Are healed by His touch... Provided for from His resources... Protected by His hand... Purchased for eternal pleasure!

**I would rather be a slave in the house of God than a Ruler in a world that is ruled by hell! Ps84.10 – tweaked!**

**Slaves in the household of God are made to be sons and daughters, engaged in His business, rewarded with eternity!**

**I have no life!**

**No life!** "Our old man is crucified with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed so that from this time forward we will not be the slaves of sin, because he that is dead is freed from sin!" **R6.6,7** "I am dead with Christ, yet I find myself alive, but the life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me!" **G2.20** "And those that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts..." **G5.24** "God forbid that I should glory in anything except the Cross of Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me and me to it!" **6.14** Being risen with Him I plot my course for the things above, my heart is there, not on the earth for I am dead and my life is hid in Him! **Col3.1-3**

**The life!** “My fuel is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work!” **J4.34** “I seek not My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me!” **5.30** “I came down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me – and this is His will, that everyone who sees and believes in Me will be with Me on that last day!  
**6.38-40**

**Rewards in Heaven...** For enduring persecutions, rejection, separation for Jesus sake! **Mt5.11,12 Lk6.23** The way you use your money... **Mt 6.1-4, 19-21, 19.21 Lk 6.35, 16.9, 1Tim 6.7-19** **The acts of love and service you do in His name, for His sake...** **Mt 10.43, Mk 9.41, Lk 6.35, Heb 6.10, 1C3.8-15, Col 3.24**