

serve.

God loves you!

**“For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall
not perish, but have eternal life.”
(John 3:16 NAS95)**

We need to love others!

**“Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another.”
(1 John 4:11 (NAS95))**

God wants to...

- grow our knowledge of Him
- increase our faith in Him
- mature our love for Him
- free our hearts to obey Him

“Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.” (1 Peter 2:2–3 NAS95)





**"If you love Me, you will keep
(obey) My commandments."
(John 14:15-16 NAS95)**

**"This is His commandment, that we
believe in the name of His Son Jesus
Christ, and love one another, just as He
commanded us. (1 John 3:23 NAS95)**

**"For this is the love of God, that
we keep (obey) His
commandments; and His
commandments are not
burdensome."
(1 John 5:2-3 NAS95)**

**"For you were called to freedom,
brethren; only do not turn your
freedom into an opportunity for
the flesh, but through love serve
one another."
(Galatians 5:13 NAS95)**

What does it mean to serve?

The underlying Greek word:

Predominately the verb form of the noun for
DEACON

A deacon is a servant!

QUESTION: What does a servant do?

The English dictionary:

serve | sərv | verb, perform duties or
services for (another person or an
organization)

*For the Christian, we are to serve God,
and we are to serve others.*



HOW CAN I **serve** GOD
AND OTHERS?

Am I qualified to serve?



Yes, you have been pre-qualified
by God Himself!

Nothing about you surprises God!

Before I formed you in the womb

I KNEW YOU

Before you were born I set you apart...

JEREMIAH 1:5



- Jesus died for you with full knowledge of everything that you would ever do!
- What does this tell us about our “fitness” or qualification to serve Him?

*You're ready and able if
you are willing!*

Every Christian has Spiritual Gifts

4. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
6. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
7. But to each one is given the manifestation (*outward evidence*) of the Spirit for the common good.

–1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (NASB95)

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¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

–1 Peter 4:10–11 NAS95

grace

humility

God's gifting

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,

unity in diversity

Romans 12:3-4

Respect the Gifts of Others

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function," - Rom. 12:4c

We're called to serve using our spiritual gifts.



Christ's Church: diversity in unity, unity in diversity

5. So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
6. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;
7. If service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;
8. Or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:5–8 (NASB95)



1 "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

(Romans 12:1-2 NAS95)

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