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Last week we raised some questions as to the rationale for Service, namely, Why Service for the Christian? What is Service? and What is its purpose? We started with the second question, and explained that among other things, Service is an act of Sanctification. I think we should have said that it is an act of Consecration and Sanctification, as there cannot be Sanctification without Consecration first. We return to that meaning this week as we answer the first question, ‘Why Service for the Christian?’ Christians Serve as an act of Consecration; a life that is brought to the Altar of God to Serve the Lord that died and was raised for them, because they have received of His New Life. This is a reason Service was explained as a natural fruit of fruitfulness; because one is a Christian only because he has received of the New Life that is only found in Jesus Christ. Such a person has become connected to Jesus Christ the Vine, and it can only grow or die!² This is a fact that has been emphasized in previous meditations, and we were challenged to be careful and to properly evaluate our lives, otherwise we may just be a ‘living dead’. You are either Growing, Serving, and Alive in Christ, or you are dead and cut off from Christ, though you may still be living physically [spiritual death]³ Note the Key verse for this week, “... everyone ... who receive His New Life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.” Why Service for the Christian? Their life is Consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ, so that they can live a Consecrated and Sanctified Life – a life given to the purpose of Jesus Christ their Lord and Redeemer alone, who died and rose for them.

When an item or article for sacrifice is brought and sacrificed on an altar, it fulfils that purpose – to Serve as a Sacrifice alone, and no other. That is one of my explanations for Consecration. The Christian is challenged to give his body to God as a living and holy sacrifice, as the only acceptable sacrifice and worship to the Almighty God.⁴ In our modern times of what I consider a wrong focus and sense of self and freedom, this view may not be acceptable to some people, but a Christian MUST accept it otherwise his Christianity is questionable and rightly so. This explains why some Christians do not Serve as a requirement of their life, but only when it is convenient, or when they think they can use it to ‘bribe’ God to do them a favour. A Christian has no life of and in himself, but only because of Jesus Christ. And that life is hidden with Jesus Christ in God; that is why that life is safe and preserved till eternity.⁵ When something is Consecrated, it is Dedicated for a purpose. The Christian-life is to be Intentionally Consecrated, and the purpose is to be used of God, and one of such uses is the committed Service to God. The Levites, whose equivalence are Christians today, especially those with Ministry Gifts, were required to Consecrate themselves so that they can perform Service for the Almighty God. And this they do over and over again whenever they had to perform Serve in the Temple.⁶ The Temple in the Old Testament is in today’s context the body/life of the Christian, and MUST be used only for the Service of the Almighty God. To do otherwise is spiritual adultery, and a sin, which is punishable now, and in the hereafter. Consequently, Christians are reminded to be careful of what they do with their bodies - their life, because it has been bought at the price, which monetary value cannot equate. A wrong use invites punishment. Hear the Word of God: “Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.”⁷

There is ignorance, extremes, and misinterpretation of the requirement of the life of the Christian – the New Life in Christ today. But the Christian must be careful and be diligent to study the Word of God. He must also be submissive and listen to the Holy Spirit, and be Obedient to His teachings and Convictions among other things in order to understand his life.⁸ While he is redeemed from the shackles of sin and the grip of satan, he is not free to live carelessly anymore. The Christian is free – free from the bondage and condemnation brought about by SIN, but is not free to go back into sinful life again. This tendency and even practice of some to wallow in sinful life after their conversion based on a false claim and understanding of grace, is described as being spiritually blind, and being oblivious of the fact of being cleansed from such a life.⁹ The Christian is to FLEE from such a life; to hub-nob with sinful practices is an abnormality for the Christian.¹⁰



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There is a change of life; ‘All things have become New’ in the spiritual, and the Christian is now required to live out this life in the physical. The Christian is actually a supernatural being, not a mere human being. This is one reason a Christian cannot afford to live a compromised and compartmented life. He has only one type of life, and that life is to be lived in light of the Newness of Life in Christ, and for Christ who died and rose again for the Christian. This is the life of Consecration and Sanctification, which should find expression in dedicated and Committed Service to the Lord Jesus Christ.¹¹ This is one of the reasons for the need of Service for the Christian. Just like the Items used in the Temple of God in the Old Testament were Consecrated and Dedicated to the Service of the Almighty God alone, so should the live of the Christian be Consecrated and Dedicated to Jesus Christ.¹² This is a key purpose why a person is Saved.

No one is under any compulsion to be saved - to become a Christian. It is only those who have voluntarily ‘receive His New Life.’ But once this is done, such people ‘will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.’¹³ Therefore, a Major Purpose And Reason For Service is that you have become a Christian, having received of the New Life of Christ – Why Service for the Christian? Have you received of Christ’s New Life? then you can no longer live for your selfish purposes, which fulfils the purposes of the devil; deceitfully presented as desired and appropriate in today’s life. You must remember what happened in the Garden of Eden. satan presented SIN - Disobedience, and Rebellion to God, as something to be desired; something to make one wise. Gullible Eve and Adam bought into the lie and deceit of satan, and plunged humanity into the abyss of the darkness of pain, corruption, and all the evils that have been and are still being experienced in the world since that incidence.¹⁴ But it is not only these challenges; that act of SIN – Disobedience and Rebellion, brought Eternal Death.¹⁵ It is because of this Death that Jesus Christ died for everyone on earth, giving an open invitation to ALL to receive of the New Life in Him, so that they will Not experience this eternal Death. Eternal Death is not the same thing as physical death; it is spiritual death; the Death of the spirit and Soul of a person. And because these are eternal, it is a Death that is Eternal/Unending. This is what Hell and the Lake of Fire represent.¹⁶ As was noted last week, an active and faithful Service focused on pleasing Jesus Christ, is an effective tool and Panacea for avoiding the desires – lusts, corruption of the world, which take one back into the bondage of SIN and Eternal Death.¹⁷

Saved, No Longer To Live For Yourselves!

Have A God Centred And Focussed 2026.

Further & Daily Readings: 2Cor.5:11-21; Rom.6:4-16. 1.2Cor.5:15; 2. Jn 15:4-6; 3. Rev.3:1; 4. Rom.12:1; 5. Col.1:21-23;3:3; 6. Num.8:6-11; 7. 1Cor.3:16-17; 6:19-20; 8. Jn.16:7-11; 2Tim.2:14-16;3:16-17; 9. 2Pet.1:9; Titus 2:10-112 10. 2Cor.6:14-17; Eph.5:6-7; 1Thess.5:21-22; 2Tim.2:22-23 11. Rom.6:4-14; 2Cor.5:15; 12. 2Chron.5:1; Gal.2:20; Phil.1:21; 13. 1Cor.6:19-20; 2Cor.5:15; 14. Gen.3:6-8; 15. Gen.2:16-17; 16. Rev.20:10-15; 17. Rom. 6:23; 2Pet.1:9 [AMPC].