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It is one thing to be doctrinally right, another to practice what is right. Also, we should be consistent in how we try to restore New Testament work and worship. This morning, we look at some ways the church still needs to be restored, primarily by studying on the doctrine of hospitality. Tonight we will make a textual study of Matthew 18 and 19.

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Christian Service

A "servant" is one who is not at his own disposal—but is at the beck and call of another, having voluntarily yielded and agreed to do his master's bidding. It is thus we find him described in the scriptures: "Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters [to know their will], and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God" (Psalm 123:2).

Now the Christian is God's "servant." He is so by *purchase* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). He is so by *covenant*, having solemnly entered into a compact with God, to perform the *duties* of a servant—that he may enjoy the *privileges* of one. He has recognized and yielded to God's claims upon him. Previously, he was his own servant, fulfilling

the desires of the flesh, gratifying himself. But upon his conversion, he surrendered to the Lordship of Christ, took His yoke upon him, to henceforth submit to His rule over him and be subject unto His will in all things.

Thus, to "serve the Lord" is not to *do something* for him—as though we showed Him a *favor*—but it is to render something unto Him. It is to perceive His just requirement of me, to own His absolute authority, to dedicate myself wholly unto Him. It signifies that I take the place and honestly endeavor to discharge the obligations of a servant; and a "servant" is one who does as his Master bids him, who seeks to please Him and promote His interests.

And how did Christ serve? In ministering unto others, in dying for sinners? *Incidentally*, yes: but *fundamentally* and *essentially*, in that He came not to do His own will, "but the will of him who sent" Him (John 6:38), in that He "became obedient unto death" (Phil. 2:8)!

"Christian service," then, is the response made by a regenerate soul unto the Lordship of Christ, the voluntary and hearty subjecting of himself to His dominion, the carrying out of His revealed will. In a word, it consists of obedience unto God: not merely in one direction only—but in a full and entire obedience. Christian service is a running in "the way of [His] commandments" (Psalm 119:32), an acknowledging Him "in all [our] ways" (Proverbs 3:6); and that calls for a *diligent searching of the Scriptures*, that we may ascertain the details of His will and discover those things which are pleasing or displeasing unto Him.

But how shall I serve Him? By my lips, or my life? By my words, or my works? "Let your light so *shine*"—and light shines silently, though nonetheless effectively. We are to "*show forth the praises of him*" (1 Peter 2:9) in the home, in the office, factory, shop, in the world; and unless we do so there, God will not accept what we do in the church. Only so far as our *daily walk* is regulated by Christ's precepts—are we serving Him. by Arthur Pink, adapted

¹¹ But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 23:11 (KJV)

WORK LIST ON BACK

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

WORK LIST FOR JULY 12, 2015

Announcements:	Dwayne Murray	
Opening Prayer:	Kevin Deckard	
Closing Prayer:	Veachel Harlan	
Scripture Reading:	Dennie Biggerstaff	
Song Leader:	David White	
Head Table:	Mike McPherson	
Wait on Table:	Andy Copas	Morris Scott
	Dayton Birdwell	Gary Bartley
Ushers:	Larry Clements	Ray Cecil Lyon

Birthdays

Roger	Deckard	07/12
McKale	High	07/14
Virginia	Gill	07/17
Phil	Bartley	07/18
Dwayne	Murray	07/19
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 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm
Wednesday: Bible Study... 7pm

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