



FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

“Service”

WHAT IT IS NOT...

- A Transaction
- To Be Seen/Self Promotion
- Duty or Only a “Church Role”

WHAT IT IS...

- Worship and Obedience
- Lifestyle of Humility
- Hebrew (*Avodah*) Work, Service, Worship

Biblical Service

Adam & Eve: "Work" & Take Care of Garden
(Genesis 2:15)

Work then Rest: "Six days you shall work (avad), but on the seventh day you shall rest" (Exodus 34:21)

Joshua: Joshua declares, "But as for me and my household, we will serve (avad) the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)

Levites: Levites are to "*avodah*" in the Tabernacle (Numbers 3:8)

Idol Worship - Forbidden: We are NOT to Serve (*Avodah*) Idols – Only Service should be only to God (Exodus 20:5)

Forced Labor - Pharaoh: The Israelites are forced into hard labor (*avodah*) for Pharaoh – So it can be "misused" (Exodus 1:13-14)

Jesus: "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Christian: offering one's body as a "living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)

First Century Church: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me
(Matthew 25:40)

Forms of Service –

- Avodah - (עֲבוּדָה) – Work – Daily Holy Living

Head – Pupil – “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
– 2 Timothy 2:15

Heart – Personal – “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” – Philippians 4:6

Hands – Public – “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace; in its various forms”
– 1 Peter 4:10

Serve With Our WHOLE Life

Serve God, Through God (Holy Spirit)

“and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” - Romans 5:5

Serve God Because HE Served (Jesus)

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died.” - 2 Corinthians 5:14

Jesus -

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mark 10:45

Us -

“Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” – 1 John 2:6

We Serve In & With Christ

Missional – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
Matthew 22:37

Relational – “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

Intentional – “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16