

ALL BELIEVERS ARE SET APART FOR DIVINE SERVICE

Born again believers have believed Jesus. John 3:36

Through humble repentance toward God, believers have accepted Jesus as King. Believers have chosen to be bond slaves of God in which we recognize the authority of God over our lives, our dependence on God for all things, and our role as an active team player in divine service.

All redeemed persons are bond slaves of God because they are “in Christ.” All believers are called to divine service and set apart for divine service because they are “in Christ.”

Romans 6:22b You have become slaves of God.

Jude 1:1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4,6a All believers are chosen “in Christ” to be holy before Him in love to the praise of the glory of His grace.

To be “in Christ” means that a person has humbly turned to God, believed Jesus, and has been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. Faith precedes new birth and new birth coincides with being chosen, and being chosen in Christ is primarily about being chosen to divine service. Ephesians 2:10

All believers are chosen to divine service. No believer is left sitting on the bench. All believers have divine gifts by which we serve. All believers are indwelt by the Spirit of God so that we may exercise the fruits of the Spirit. All believers have a motivation for service to God. Romans 12:1-21

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:6a Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.

1 Peter 2:5 You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You must be born again. Without Me you can do nothing. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.