

Engage Joy, pt 3 **Servants & Saints, Pt 1 (Phil. 1:1-2)**

Greetings Matter

Servants

Servant VS Apostle

Paul's "heaven on earth" was servinq others!

"You cannot become a servant of Christ until you realize that by nature you are a slave to sin." (James Boyce)

4 ways to become a slave in the biblical era

by birth

by conquest (taken captive & enslaved)

by debt (couldn't repay)

by choice

Serving leaders:

⇒ equip & empower, not encumber

⇒ liberate to minister, not stifle with structure

If we do not serve, we fight for **rights**.

Saints

2 kinds of people: "the saints & the ain'ts" (J Vernon McGee)

To become a saint, just as servant, one must first acknowledge his involuntary **slavery** - to sin.

Made **holy** in Christ - revolutionizes our **identity**.

Who am I in Christ?

I am a new **creation**. (2 Cor 5:17)

I am a **child** of God. (Jn 1:12; 1 Jn 3:1)

I am a joint **heir** with Christ. (Rom 8:17)

I am **alive** to God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

I am **dead** to sin. (Rom 6:11)

I am **freed** from sin. (Rom 6:18)

I am a voluntary slave of **righteousness**. (Rom 6:18)

I am being **renewed** according to the image of Christ. (Col 3:10)

I am **crucified** with Christ. (Gal 2:20)

I am **chosen** in Christ. (Eph 1:4)

I am **adopted** into God's family. (Eph 1:5)

I am **redeemed**. (Eph 1:7)

I am **forgiven**. (Eph 1:7)

I am **loved**. (Jn 3:16; Rom 8)

I am **secure**. (Rom 8:38-39; 1 Jn 5:13)

I am **free**. (Jn 8:36)

I am a future resident of **heaven**. (Jn 14:2-3)

I am a saint who sins but knows the grace of a loving and forgiving **Father**.

So WHO ARE YOU?