

Sunday, 19th August, 2018

WELCOME

A warm welcome to any visitors who are with us this morning.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ron Matsen—Acts Chapter 6b

THE WORD OF LIFE

...though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved. —2 Corinthians 12:15

Natural human love expects something in return. But Paul is saying, "It doesn't really matter to me whether you love me or not. I am willing to be completely destitute anyway; willing to be poverty-stricken, not just for your sakes, but also that I may be able to get you to God." "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor..." (2 Corinthians 8:9). And Paul's idea of service was the same as our Lord's. He did not care how high the cost was to himself— he would gladly pay it. It was a joyful thing to Paul.

The institutional church's idea of a servant of God is not at all like Jesus Christ's idea. His idea is that we serve Him by being the servants of others. Jesus Christ actually "out-socialized" the socialists. He said that in His kingdom the greatest one would be the servant of all (see Matthew 23:11). The real test of a saint is not one's willingness to preach the gospel, but one's willingness to do something like washing the disciples' feet— that is, being willing to do those things that seem unimportant in human estimation but count as everything to God. It was Paul's delight to spend his life for God's interests in other people, and he did not care what it cost. But before we will serve, we stop to ponder our personal and financial concerns— "What if God wants me to go over there? And what about my salary? What is the climate like there? Who will take care of me? A person must consider all these things." All that is an indication that we have reservations about serving God. But the apostle Paul had no conditions or reservations. Paul focused his life on Jesus Christ's idea of a New Testament saint; that is, not one who merely proclaims the gospel, but one who becomes broken bread and poured-out wine in the hands of Jesus Christ for the sake of others. -Oswald Chambers

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WORSHIP MINISTRY—We are currently looking for people to volunteer as part of our worship team who have ability to sing or play an instrument like the keyboard/guitar/bass/drums etc. If you would be available in any of these ways, please talk to Scott Woodcock.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00-9:45am—Prayer Ministry

Meeting in the Upper Room—All welcome.

10:00am—Morning Service

The Sanctuary - Worship in Song & God's Word.

11:30am—Building Resilience Group—26/08

12-16s group meets fortnightly in The Attic.

TUESDAY

10:00am—Midweek Study

Doors open at 9:30am for Morning Tea/Fellowship. Meeting in the Upper Room. All welcome. This weeks study in the book of Jude.

FRIDAY

6:30am—Men's Prayer— 21/09

Meeting in the Upper Room at church. Opportunity to get breakfast together at a local café afterward.

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MEMORY VERSE

(1 Timothy 3:13 NKJV) For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is crèche for babies and age-appropriate teaching for children 2-12 years. All children will be in the main service for worship and then dispatched to their various classes afterwards.

PRAYER

For prayer requests please email prayer@calvarychapel.org.nz For practical help call the church office on: 918 8000 or for after-hour emergencies: 918 8056

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

The giving of one's money at church is an act of worship and recognition that God is the rightful owner of all that we possess. It is to be done joyfully, freely, sacrificially and discreetly. If you would like to worship God in this manner, we have provided a box on the wall in the fellowship hall.

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