

Grace Unraveled
Sufficient to Serve
2 Corinthians 3:4-6

As a society, we have become very dependent on policy and code. Rule of law is important and necessary in order to maintain civility because apart from the law, we tend to create chaos. The problems that we face are not because of the laws (or lack thereof) themselves, but because of our inherent desire to manipulate the law for our own benefit.

1. We are servants _____ by God
 - A. Our _____ comes from God
 - B. Our _____ comes from God
 - C. Our _____ comes from God

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2. We are servants of the _____
 - A. The new covenant is God’s _____ to our rebellion
 - B. The new covenant is an _____ covenant
 - C. The new covenant empowers _____ to the old
 - D. The new covenant allows us to know God _____
3. We are servants of the _____
 - A. The gospel is the _____ and _____ of our lives
 - B. The gospel compels a _____ obedience

As believers, we must be aware of the inextricable link in the new covenant between the redemptive work of Christ on the cross and the ethical admonitions of the gospel. Obedience to Jesus is never separated from salvation in Jesus. We must believe that Jesus is Savior, but we must also submit to Jesus as Lord.

Reflection

Consider what it means to believe in Jesus as Savior and to submit to Jesus as Lord. Do you see any difference in those two statements? Do you see any dangers in the Christian experience in trying to separate them as two different events? What changes (if any) in actions or attitudes must you make in order to demonstrate a reliance on Christ’s sufficiency rather than self-sufficiency? How would it make a difference in our church if every member responded to an opportunity to serve with the understanding that Christ empowers that service?