



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

**JUNE 11, 2017**

## **Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)**

### **WORD FOR THE WEEK**

#### **FUTILITY AND CONSEQUENCES OF UNACCEPTABLE SERVICE**

We bless the name of the Almighty God for giving us another opportunity to come before Him. We are also grateful to Him for the abundance of blessings showered on us during the just-concluded National Convention. Nothing can be more rewarding as a summer gift than the proclamation of divine blessings that we received in the past week. It is our expectation that many lives will be transformed and divine breakthroughs will be encountered in many lives. Let's look forward to the coming spectacular testimonies!

In continuation with our theme for the month (**Acceptable Service**), we shall be considering the topic: "Futility and Consequences of Unacceptable Service."

**Text: Act 13: 1-4**

The word "service" is from the Latin word *servitium* (slavery) and from the word *servus*, meaning "slave". In Greek, it means "servant serving his master". However, to serve is to help or do work for someone, giving a service and showing kindness. You, as a child of God, are called to serve in one capacity or the other as you were saved by God for this purpose. And for your service to be acceptable unto God, it must be based on three main fundamentals namely, salvation, sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

You were bought with a price that you may serve (**1 Cor 6: 19-20**). If Jesus, the God-man, could put on a servant attitude by the help of the Holy Ghost to serve, what stops you from serving? (**John 15:20**). Acceptable service is supposed to be a celebration of being in covenant fellowship with the living God. It is time set aside for the members of the covenant, the believers, to demonstrate their faith, walk and work in righteousness from a pure heart for the glory of God. Any service devoid of these is not acceptable unto God (**Colossians 3:17**).

#### **Consequences:**

- A. Rejection: Malachi 1: 6-8 &14, Col 3:17, Amos 5: 21-24.** Service not tailored towards God's glory will lead to rejection of the servant and his service.
- B. Affliction: Acts 19: 11-20, John 15:5, Mark 3:14-15.** A service that is not born out of relationship with Christ through His effort in futility.
- C. Destruction: Lev 10:1-3, Lev 9:24, Mathew 3:11, Lk 3:16.** The children of Aaron were destroyed for relying on the flesh, craftiness and cleverness of mind which may be acceptable unto man but God. This kind of service is regarded as 'strange fire'.
- D. Eternal Condemnation: Matt. 7: 21- 23.** The Lord made a very important, disturbing and yet astonishing statement which is a cause for concern.

In conclusion, if any man would serve the Lord, he must begin by making his heart holy (**Rom 12:1-2**), relying on the Holy Spirit and seeking for the glory of the Almighty God.

**NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by it, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at [pastor@rccglfc.org](mailto:pastor@rccglfc.org).**