**The Christian’s spiritual occupations – The Slave**

**Col. 1:7 – just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond – servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf**

**Focal Truth: Believers are slaves to Jesus Christ**

**Observations**

1. **Christians are fellow slaves of Christ – Col. 1:7**

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1. Believers are servants – slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ

Our Lord said, whoever is the greatest let them be the servant of all

Paul said, but in all things show ourselves to servants of Christ

1. Believers are fellow – slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ

Paul said, One faith, One Lord…

We serve our Lord together as we obey Him

We serve our Lord together as we join Him telling others about Jesus Christ

We serve our Lord together as we minister to one another in love

Paul said, **by love serve one another**

1. **Christians are faithful servers of Christ**

*who is a faithful servant – deacon of Christ on our behalf*

1. Believers are simple table waiter servants of the Lord

Paul uses the word – deacon – table waiter – servers

This is our occupation – server the Lord as servers!

**Our prayer is: Lord what do you want me to do?**

1. Believers are to be faithful as servants of the Lord

*who is a faithful servant…*

The Lord will say to His faithful servants well done, good and faithful servant

We are always available to serve

We are always at work serving

We are always watching and waiting in our serving

We are always submissive in serving

We are always prepared to service

1. **Christians are freed from sins slavery and enslaved to God**

Rom. 6:22 – but now having been freed from sin & enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification and the outcome, eternal life

**This is our new condition – freed from slavery to sin – freed to serve God completely !**

Let’s work on improving our service to God & to others!

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near the door. Come Lord Jesus!**