

**WHY SERVE GOD? – 4**  
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**REVIEW: JOSHUA 24:15 – BECAUSE:**

1. Of what Jesus did for us.
2. Of the consequences of serving the enemy.
3. It's the right choice.
4. It's God's will.
5. It demonstrates God's love.
6. God takes it seriously.
7. Our lives touch two time periods.
8. It's the way to deal with our body and mind.
9. It's following the example of Jesus.
10. It leads to promotion.

**CONTINUE: EPHESIANS 2:8-10 – SAVED TO SERVE**

- Ephesians can be divided into three parts: wealth, walk, and warfare of the believer.  
**CHAPTERS 1-3** (wealth); **4-5** (walk); **6** (warfare).
- 1. Saved from sin and its consequences.
  - A. Before Christ we served the devil, world and flesh. **EPHESIANS 2:1-3** paint a picture of our lives before Christ.
  - B. Our condition: dead, deceived, disobedient, defiled, and doomed to eternal damnation. On a march that ends in a lake of fire with no hope of escape.
  - C. Bataan death march: April 9, 1942 – April 17, 1942 a 65mile march by Filipino and American soldiers ending in prison camps if you survived the march. 75,000 prisoners of war were forced to make the trek in intense heat and were subject to harsh treatment by Japanese guards. Thousands died along the way. They were starved, dehydrated, beheaded or speared to death if they couldn't keep up. No matter how good or bad we were, we all were on a death march with no good end in sight.
  - D. **EPHESIANS 2:4-9** The only way to get off the path of the death march is by grace through faith in Christ. Heaven is a place for saved, not good people.
- 2. Saved to serve. **EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)**
  - A. God's masterpiece or valuable work of art made valuable because of the artist: DaVinci, Rembrandt, Picasso, or Michelangelo – statue of David, Mona Lisa, Last Supper.
  - B. Our sculptor is Christ. We are His masterpiece.
    - All we had to offer Him was brokenness and strife.
    - Amazing grace that saved a vile, despicable one like me.
  - C. Main ways to serve God.
    - Glorifying God. **MATTHEW 5:16**
    - Growing in godly character.  
**PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13**
    - Gathering with believers. **HEBREWS 10:25**
    - Giving to God's work. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**
    - Going into all the world. **MATTHEW 28:19-20**

**CONCLUSION: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:20-21** There are no unneeded members in the body of Christ, just like the human body. As every body member serves the body, every member in the body of Christ is to serve God in one way or another. "There are no excuses." Ask Moses, or ask Brother Herney!