

唯独基督(6): 「带着感恩的心事奉主」

主题经文: 太 20:1-16

背诵经文: 所以我们既得了不能震动的国, 就当感恩, 照 神所喜悦的, 用虔诚、敬畏的心事奉 神。(来 12:28)

A) 蒙召事奉主乃是祂的恩典

- 因为天国好像家主清早去雇人进他的葡萄园做工...(太 20:1)
- 『你们为甚么整天在这里闲站呢?』 7 他们说: 『因为没有人雇我们。』 (太 20:6-7)
- 所以我们既得了不能震动的国, 就当感恩, 照 神所喜悦的, 用虔诚、敬畏的心事奉 神。(来 12:28)

B) 从始至终, 都存感恩的心

v 由「比较」到「埋怨」

- § 11 他们得了, 就埋怨家主说: 12 『我们整天劳苦受热, 那后来的只做了一小时, 你竟叫他们和我们一样吗?』 13 家主回答其中的一人说: 『朋友, 我不亏负你, 你与我讲定的不是一钱银子吗? 14 拿你的走吧! 我给那后来的和给你一样, 这是我愿意的。 15 我的东西难道不可随我的意思用吗? 因为我作好人, 你就红了眼吗?』 (太 20:11-15)
- § 我的心哪, 你要称颂耶和华! 不可忘记祂的一切恩惠!(诗 103:2)

C) 每一个机会都感恩的从主领受

v 葡萄园比喻的重点在于：

- 1) 人是不是能够感恩的从主领受所给他的每一个机会？是不是能够忠心地为主所给他的托付中讨主喜悦、荣耀神？
- 2) 事奉主最重要的还并不是在于我们外面得到什么赏赐，而是我们在服事主的过程中变成了一个怎样的人？我们学到了什么？塑造出了什么像主的品格 (Christ-like character)？...这才是我们在服事过程中最宝贵的得着。

D) 为什么主耶稣在结尾说：「这样，那在后的，将要在前；在前的，将要在后了。」 (v16) ？

Christ Alone (6): Serve the Lord with a Thankful Heart

Key Scriptures: Matt 20:1-16

Memorization Scripture(s): Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Heb. 12:28)

1. Being called into service of the Lord is of His grace

- *For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. (Matt 20:1)*
- *'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' (Matt 20:6b-7a)*
- *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Heb. 12:28)*

2. Have a thankful heart from the beginning to the end

v From 'compare' to 'complain'

- *11And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' (Matt 20:11-15)*
- *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. (Ps 103:2)*

3. Receive every opportunity with thanksgiving as from the Lord

v The key questions of the parable of the workers in the vineyard:

- 1) Are we able to be thankful for every opportunity received from the Lord? Are we able to be faithful concerning the commission the Lord has given us and to please Him and glorify Him in all things?

2) The most important part of serving the Lord has little to do with the outward rewards that we receive. What manner of person have we become in the process of serving Him? What have we learned? Have we cultivated any Christ-like character? These are most precious in the process of serving the Lord.

4. Why did the Lord conclude by saying, “So the last will be first, and the first last?” (v. 16)