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In the ancient world, there was no one lower than a slave; the slave's "whole life is lived in service for which he can claim neither credit nor reward". Jesus could scarcely use a more graphic term to bring out the lowliness his people must seek. It is in lowly service that Christians find their true fulfillment. They follow a Master who took the form of a servant and lived all his earthly days in humble obscurity. The way forward for them is in humility and lowliness. To set one's heart on eminence is to lose the heart of the Christian way.

- Leon Morris

To confess 'Jesus is Lord' is to say to other followers of Jesus, 'I am your slave?' Slavery to Christ is exhibited in slavery to Christians. Because of their willing servitude to Christ, and as part of it, Christians are unconditionally obligated to serve Christ's people. Following Paul's example, they are to view their relationship to Christ and their relationship to fellow-Christians as one of slavery, as a relationship in which they render...service for the benefit of others.

- Murray Harris

There are three propositions that lie on the face of this declaration. (1) The work Jesus came to do was one of ransom. (2) The giving of His life was the ransom price. (3) This ransom price was substitutionary in character and design....Hence the language of redemption is that of securing release by the payment of a price, and it is this concept that is applied expressly to the laying down of Jesus' life and the shedding of His blood. Jesus shed his blood in order to pay the price of our ransom.

- John Murray