

# 5 Promises of Baptism

A SERIES ABOUT WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE

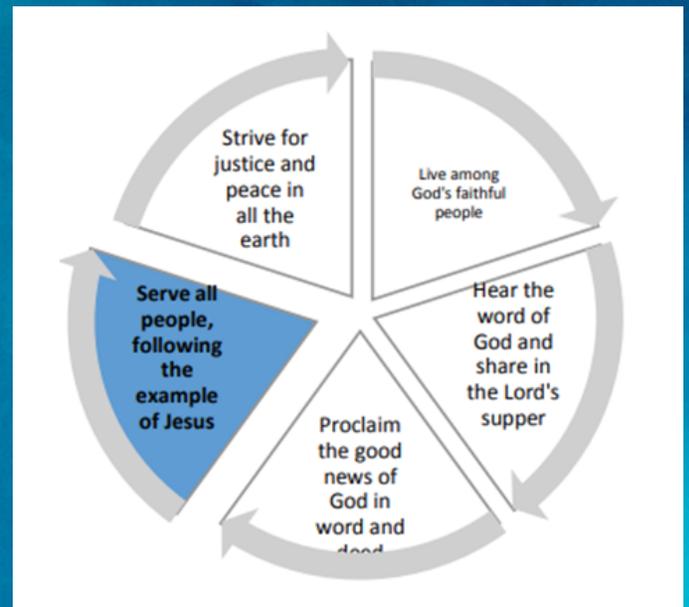
## Serve

It is one thing to be paid to serve food, take out garbage, and care for someone who is sick. It is something else to volunteer to do any of those things without seeking praise or thanks. To choose to be a servant reflects an attitude of the heart.

## The Freedom of a Christian

In Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian," he argues that in Christ, we no longer have to serve, but we get to do so with a spirit of love, kindness, and generosity. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus is a two-fold gift. Those who are served are blessed, but those who give of their time and talent are also blessed.

How do you feel when you help someone who is in need? How do you feel when someone helps you?



## Luke 13:10-13

Jesus turned things upside down by his willingness to serve all people—young and old, male and female, Jew and Gentile. He allowed the children to come and get close to him. He was willing to touch unclean lepers and heal on the Sabbath. Jesus was not bound by the rules of the day. He came to serve all people That meant breaking down traditions and barriers to do so. In this passage Jesus took the initiative and healed this woman. But the leaders were quite upset to witness Jesus healing on the sabbath and they challenged him. Time and time again, Jesus was a gift to those around him.

What is your reaction to the call to serve all people?  
Be honest. What kinds of people are challenging for you to serve?