

**Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**9:45 AM Sunday School**

**10:50 AM Church Family Announcements**

**11 AM Morning Worship**

**Organ Prelude**

**BJ Lyle**

**Welcome & Prayer**

**Pastor Paul**

**Praise Songs**

*Take My Life (Holiness, Holiness)*  
*Here I Am, Lord*

**Scripture Reading**

**Romans 13:8-14**

**Pastor Paul**

**Ministry of Music**

**Mr. Wil Hoggard**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn #730**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
*Vs 1,3,4*

**Congregation**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Paul**

**Closing Hymn #596**

*I Surrender All*

**Congregation**

**SERMON: Living Christ in View of Eternity**

**Scriptures:** 1 Peter 4:7-1; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew 24:12-13; Proverbs 3:3-4; Rev. 3:20;  
1 Peter 5:6-10

Our primary scripture text today is a splash of cold water on the face. It is in the context of: “The end of all things is near.” One day, the book that God has written for this world will come to an end. Even if the Lord does not return to earth in 100 years, the message to us is to get our priorities straight with what is important in the context of eternity!

1. Be alert and of sober mind.
2. Pray.
3. Love one another deeply.
4. Practice hospitality.
5. Be faithful in service.
6. Do all to the glory of God.

***Self- Righteous Service versus True Service.*** By Pastor Paul

*Jesus while on earth said much about serving others. He said even of himself that “the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

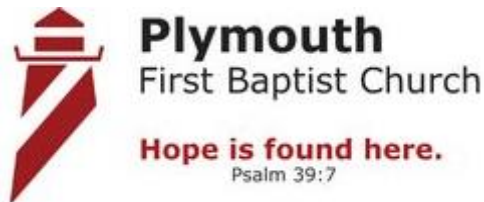
Throughout Gods Word we are called to put the needs of others ahead of our own- to give of our time and talent and treasures for the sake of others. This is the mark of a true Christian. Richard J. Foster wrote a book that has become a classic and must read for all those who desire to serve the Lord better- it is titled, “***Celebration of Discipline***”. Within the chapter dealing with the issue of service, he offers two lists concerning servanthood. The section is titled, self-righteous service versus true service. Let us read it and reflect on our mind while serving others.

Self-righteous service comes through human effort- True service comes from a relationship with the divine **Other** deep inside. We serve out of whispered promptings, divine urgings. Self-righteous service is impressed with the “big deal” it is only interested in serving when impressive gains can be made, and when the service is titanic.

Self-righteous service requires external rewards. It needs to know that people see and appreciate the effort- it seeks human applause. True service rests contented in hiddenness. It does not fear the lights and blare of attention, but it does not seek them either.

Self-righteous service is highly concerned about results. It eagerly waits to see if the person served will reciprocate in kind. And become bitter when the results fall below expectations. True service is free of the need to calculate results. It delights only in the service. It can serve enemies as freely as friends.

Let us all analyze ourselves and ask the LORD to reveal attitudes that do not line up with what true service is. If we ask the LORD, He will be faithful to show us.



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington  
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw  
Organist – B.J. Lyle  
Office Administrator – Danita Davis  
Deacon of the Month – Steve Barnes

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