

PBC Growing in Christ “Serve”

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Class Norms

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

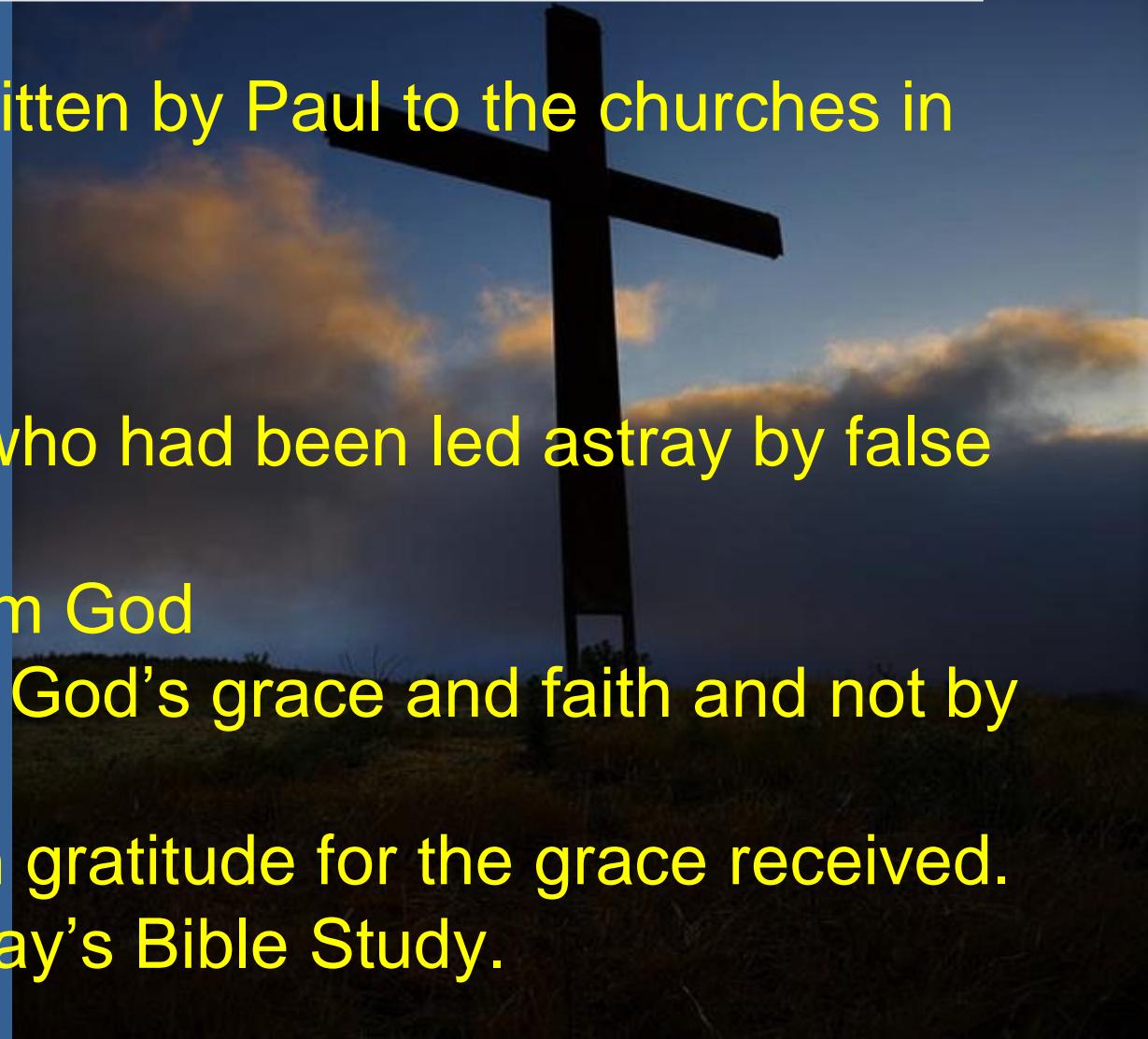
To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)



The Biblical Context

Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10

- Galatians was an epistle (letter) written by Paul to the churches in the region of Galatia.
 - Why did Paul write Galatians?
 - ✓ Correct the Galatian Christians who had been led astray by false teachers and false teachings
 - ✓ Prove that Paul's calling was from God
 - ✓ Confirm that salvation is a gift of God's grace and faith and not by following the law
 - ✓ Encourage Christians to serve in gratitude for the grace received.
- Note: Service is the focus of today's Bible Study.





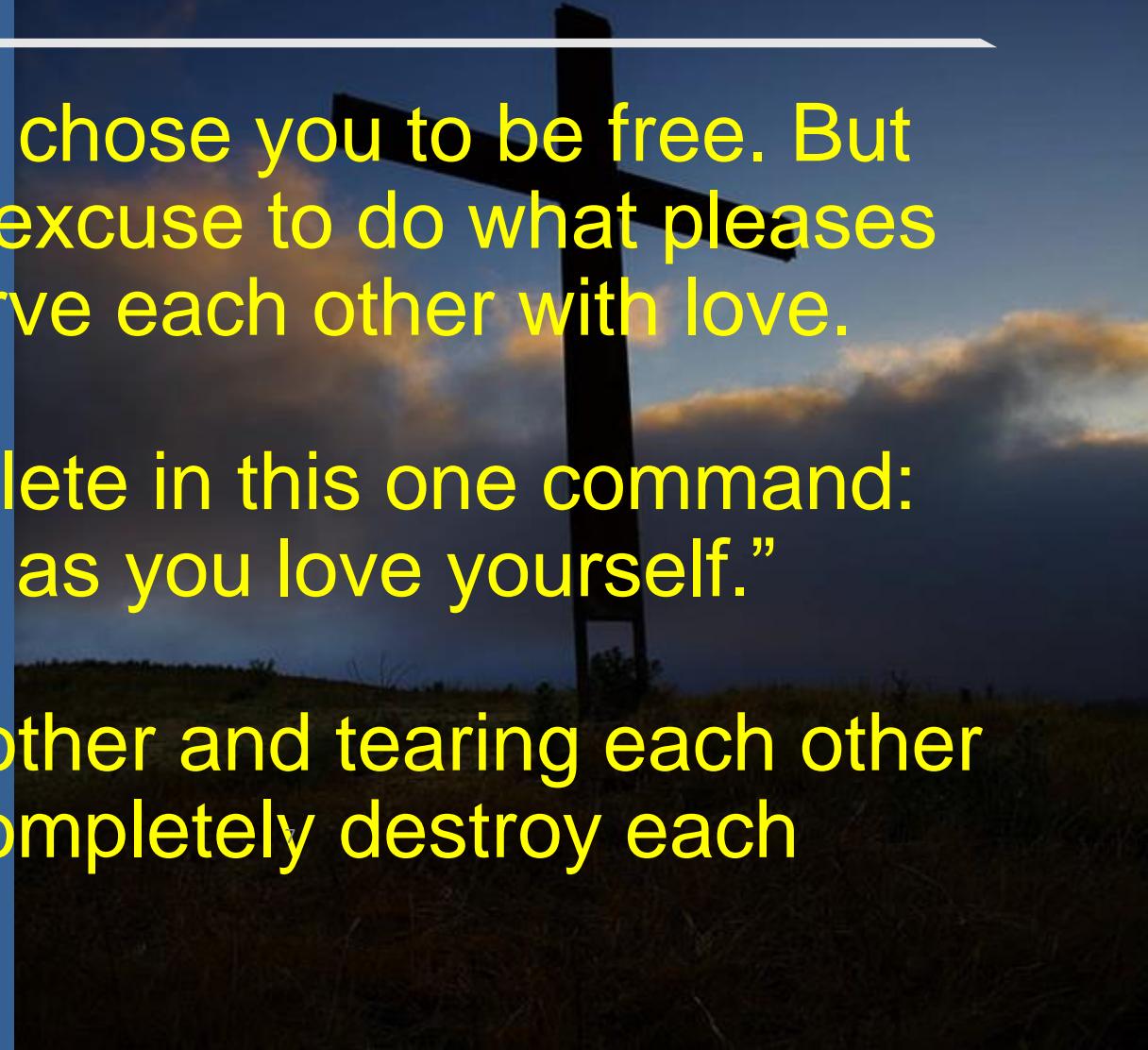
Question

When have you received stellar service?

Scripture

Galatians 5:13-15 ERV

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- 13) My brothers and sisters, God chose you to be free. But don't use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful selves. Instead, serve each other with love.
 - 14) The whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself."
 - 15) If you continue hurting each other and tearing each other apart, be careful, or you will completely destroy each other.

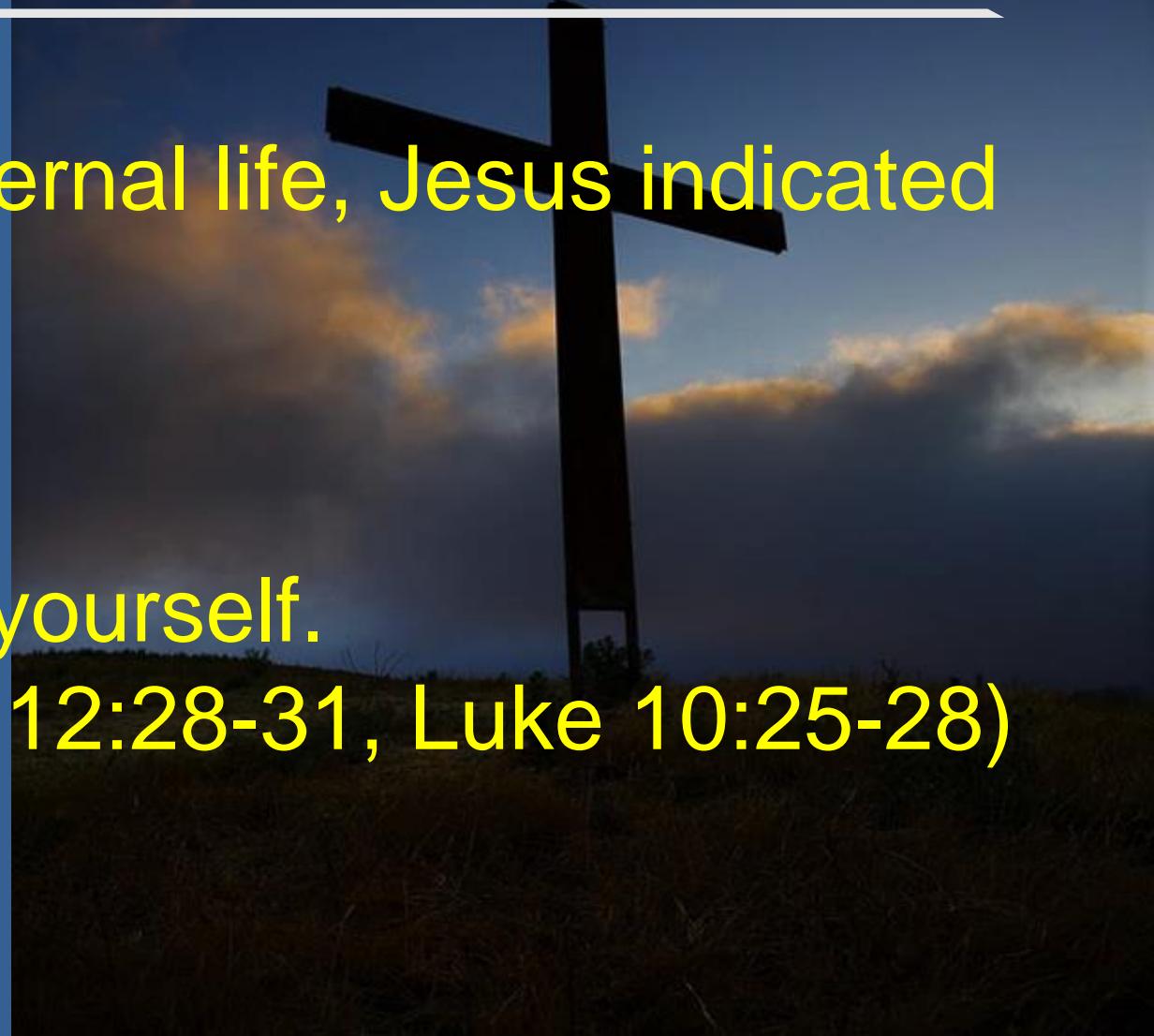


Serving Others is Key to Salvation

When asked how to inherit eternal life, Jesus indicated that the two key points were:

1. Loving God
2. Loving your neighbor as yourself.

(Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-28)





Questions

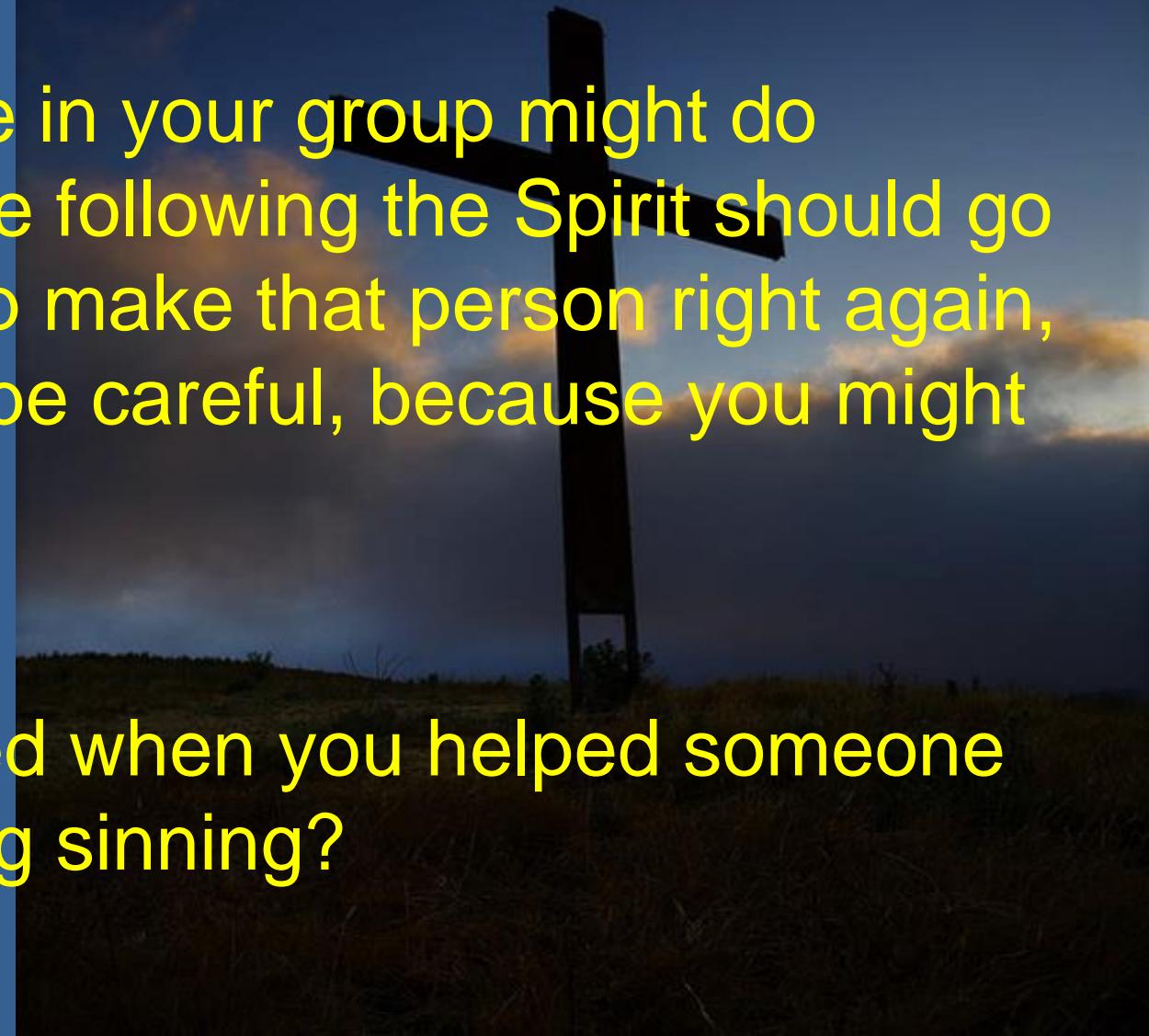
*How have you seen
relationships strengthened
through acts of service?*

*How has giving service
impacted your life?*

Scripture

Galatians 6:1 ERV

- 1) Brothers and sisters, someone in your group might do something wrong. You who are following the Spirit should go to the one who is sinning. Help make that person right again, and do it in a gentle way. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin too.

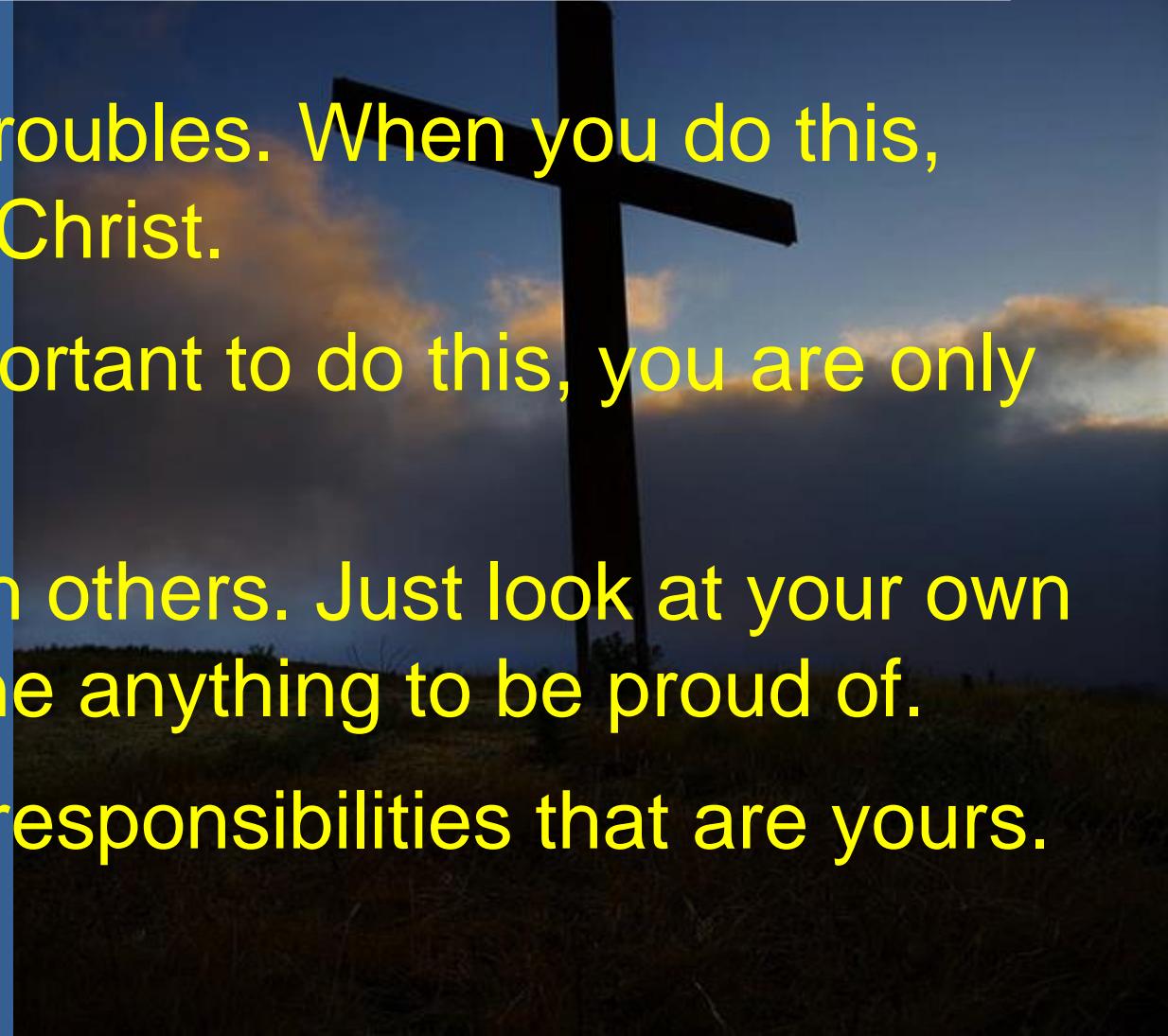


Question: What have you learned when you helped someone carry a personal burden regarding sinning?

Scripture

Galatians 6:2-5 ERV

- 2) Help each other with your troubles. When you do this, you are obeying the law of Christ.
- 3) If you think you are too important to do this, you are only fooling yourself.
- 4) Don't compare yourself with others. Just look at your own work to see if you have done anything to be proud of.
- 5) You must each accept the responsibilities that are yours.



Biblical Examples of Christian Service

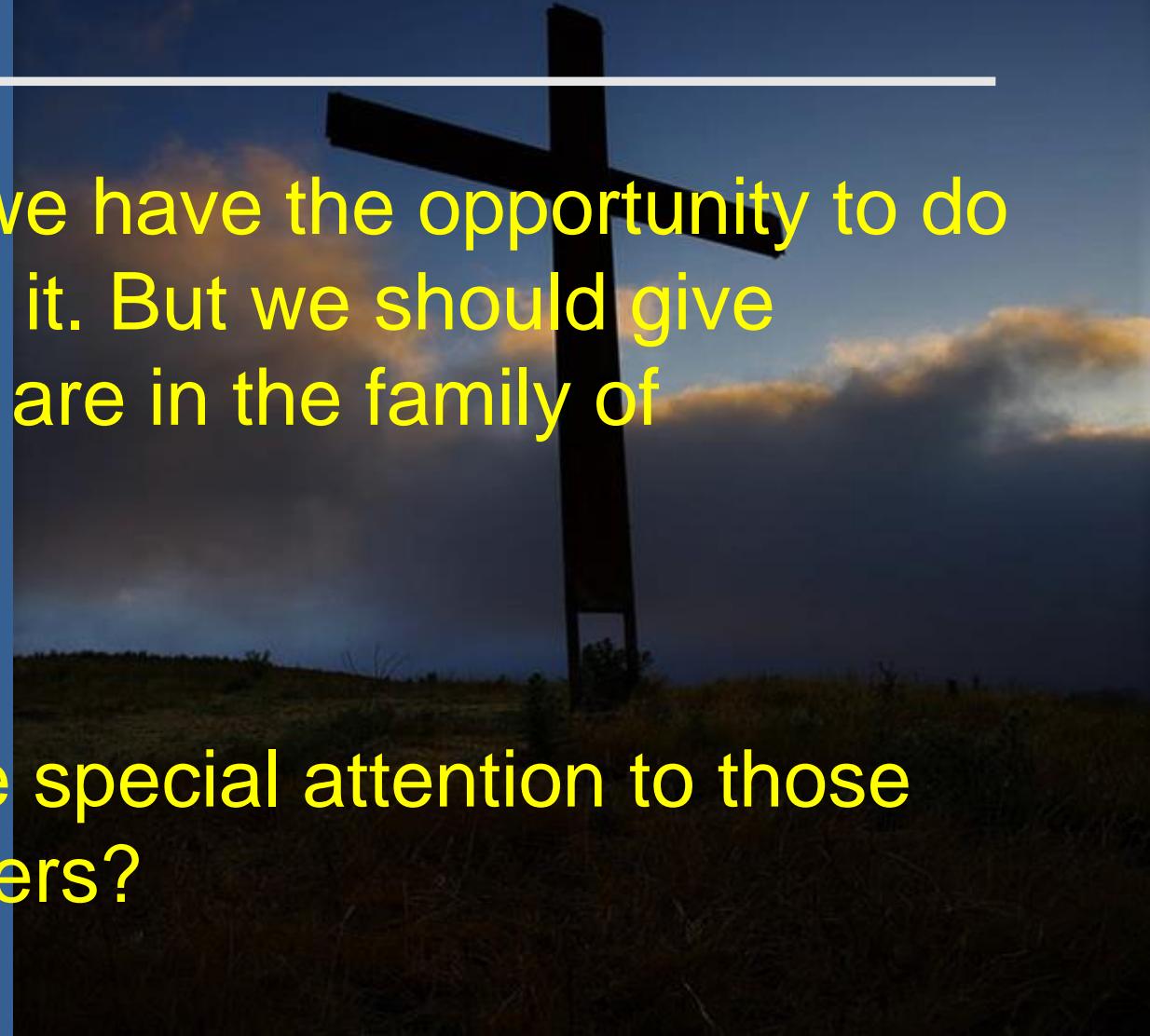
- Show hospitality to strangers - Hebrews 13:2
- Remember those in prison - Matthew 25:36
- Provide for the needy - Matthew 25:35
- Mentor others - Titus 2:2-8
- Care for children - Matthew 18:5
- Tend families - Titus 2:5



Special Attention for Members of the Family of Believers

Galatians 6:10 ERV - When we have the opportunity to do good to anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

Question: Why are we to give special attention to those who are in the family of believers?



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION: Where is God leading you to serve?

- ***Thank someone.*** Consider the person who served you, confronted you in love, or helped you carry a burden. Contact him or her and express your appreciation.
- ***Restore someone.*** If a friend or family member is in the midst of sinful behavior or has made a bad decision, ask God for wisdom and direction on the best way to lovingly talk with the person. Act on your prayer.
- ***Serve someone.*** Identify individuals whom you could walk alongside and help ease their burden. Use this as an opportunity to love and bring them into your group.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Seize the Opportunity to Serve

- Do not tire of doing good.
- In time, the good you do will bear fruit.
- Keep looking for opportunities to serve

Resources

- Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10
- Matthew 18:5; 22:35-40; 25:35-36
- Mark 12:28-31
- Luke 10:25-28
- Hebrews 13:2
- Titus 2:2-8



Next Week: July 19, 2020

Subject: Yield

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-5, 13-15

Question: When have you really wanted to be **first** in line?



God Bless You!
