

**“A look at the Overseer”**

**“The Christian life is about active dependence on God;  
He does the work and then we do the work.”**

***Philippians 1:1***

***Ephesians 4:11-13***

**Paul has surrendered his entire being to Jesus Christ so that his service can become our freedom to serve.**

**The only service that gives us true freedom is**

**Christ’s service because it makes us no longer slaves to sin, death and the devil.**

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls for us to go down that we might be brought up, to serve that we might be exalted and to die that we might live!**

**Jesus Christ has two claims**

**on you:**

**He owns you by having created you *Col 1:16-17***

**and by**

**re-creating you *2<sup>nd</sup> Cor5:17*.**

**Paul’s love for Jesus Christ increased his faith, which in turn increased his hope.**

**Jesus Christ was the focal point and motivating factor for all that Paul thought and all that he did.**

**Paul’s proposition in *Philippians* is that the mature believer will conform to image and thinking of Jesus Christ, regardless of his circumstances.**

**Paul explains church leadership as elders (pastors) and deacons because there is no need to have an apostle over many churches anymore.**

**We never receive anything in the Christian life through our physical birth; everything we have comes as a result of our spiritual birth in regeneration.**

**For anyone to claim apostleship today, they would have to be the recipients of direct revelation from God and no one today fills that role.**

**But in *1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:1-4*,**

**Peter only recognized himself as a fellow pastor or bishop;**

**he did not claim any superiority over any of the other elders.**

**Temporary spiritual gifts were necessary to take up the slack until the Scripture was completed and circulated.**

**No one ever loves Jesus Christ until he knows Him; so you must have a deep spiritual understanding of the**

**Son of God before you can be intimately occupied with the person of Christ.**

**The teaching of the Word of God therefore fulfills the principle of giving us the mind of Christ.**

**No one is going to grow up spiritually apart from a local church.**

**The individual with the gift of pastor-teacher becomes aware of it as a result of spiritual growth as in the case of all spiritual gifts.**

**Every pastor owes his ministry to the omnipotence of God alone.**

**“Pastor, the soul is the battlefield in the angelic dispute and if you are faithful in studying and teaching, this issue will become clear.”**

**God does not ask the pastor to be sensational, spectacular, or captivating, but faithful.**