**Bible Study**

**Tuesday August 23, 2022**

**Topic: CHRISTIAN SERVICE - PART 1 (DD570)**

**Bible TEXTS: 2Corinthians 4: 1-10**

**Introduction**: No doubt the epistles of Paul to Timothy and Titus contain unquantifiable treasure of what a Christian service should be. There are many teachings also in the gospels on what our Lord Jesus Christ emphasized as Christian service. It is therefore good to examine the Scriptures on this subject to have a full grasp of what real Christian service entails. May the Holy Spirit teach us in Jesus’ name.

**1. WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN SERVICE?** Christian service includes: (1) Total obedience to God i.e., faithfulness to His Instructions, Goals and Ideas as written in the scripture - 1Timothy 4: 6-16; 1Timothy 2: 5 (2) Ministry of reconciliation. Christian service is basically the reconciliation of this sinful world back to God through His Son Jesus - 2Corinthians 5: 18, Mark 16: 15; Matthew 28:19. (3) Spiritual Warfare. We are constantly engaged in two-fold Christian battles i.e., satanic battle (evil forces) and the battle with the flesh - 2Timothy 2: 1-4, 1Peter 2: 11-12 (4) A teacher and doer of the word - Matthew 24: 45-51, James 1: 21-25, Colossians 3:16-17. (5) Persecution bearer - 2Corinthians 4: 10; 1Thessalonians 1: 6 (6) A burden bearer/Intercessor -1Timothy 2: 1-3; Ezekiel 22: 30; 2Thessalonians 5: 17; Luke 18: 1; specifically, fruitful Christian lives a Holy life here on earth and Have fruits to present to God; inheriting eternal life.

**2. HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ONE'S CHRISTIAN SERVICE** (1) One must have commitment & self-dedication - Ecclesiastes 9: 10; Matthew 10: 32-39; Luke 14: 33. Remember Paul compare this race to that of three professions where (strict commitment, self-dedication and discipline are required): as a Soldier; an Athletes; and a Farmer - 2Timothy 2: 3-6 (2) Abundant use of: (a) the Word – Colossians 3:16; (b) the name of Jesus - Philippian 2: 9; Acts 4: 12 (c) The blood of Jesus Rev. 12: 11, and (d) The Holy Spirit (3) Must have determination and refuse to be discouraged in the service of God. (4) Walk in the Spirit to avoid distraction.