

Misconceptions About Ministers

One of the biggest misconceptions floating around today in church circles concerns ministers. Who is a minister at Grace? Why is it so crucial that I never lose sight of this fact? What does it mean I will be doing?

*OT: A religious “cast system” of sorts operated—you had the people, and you had Levites set apart and distinctly connected to the tabernacle / temple along with the priests, Num. 8:19,16:9-10.

*NT: What a change! See I Pt. 2:5, Heb. 10:19, Rev. 5:10. All believers = *priests*, *saints* (ones set apart), *ministers* (servants). See Eph. 1:1, 4:12, Rom. 15:25,26, I Cor. 12:4-7. Recognizing this new order was lost till the reformation (still is for some).

*Eph. 4:11,12 makes clear the “saints” (believers) are to do the “work of ministry / service.” The role of pastors (clergy) is to prepare believers so they can do ministry more effectively, as they are expected to do the bulk of the ministry, not a “minister.”

*Do you feel comfortable at Grace? If so, then make sure you have jumped in and rolled up your sleeves to fulfill your ministry.

