

The Gospel of God

The Key Questions

⇒ _____ Do _____ ... _____ _____?

Flee from sexual immorality. . . . Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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Romans 1:1-7

The Passage

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The Introduction

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Gospel Words

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Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus. . .

(Romans 1:1)

⇒ *Doulos: The Roman Empire*

Paul announces himself with the word that, above all others in his world, carried overtones of social degradation. Slaves had no rights, no property, and no prospects; they were simply there to do what they were told. Modifying this to “servant,” as though Paul were a free agent who happened to have a job as a cleaner or butler, misses the point.

(N.T. Wright, *The Letter to the Romans*, New Interpreter's Bible)

⇒ *Doulos: The Jewish Scriptures (The Septuagint - LXX)*

The LORD will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants.
(Deuteronomy 32:36)

He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. (Psalm 105:26)

After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. (Joshua 24:29)

[The phrase] “Slave of Christ Jesus” is patterned on the familiar OT phrase “slave,” or “servant,” of Yahweh. The phrase connotes total devotion, suggesting that the servant is completely at the disposal of his or her Lord.
(Douglass Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans: New International Commentary*)

To be a disciple is to be a devoted love-slave of the Lord Jesus.
(Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost For His Highest*, July 2)

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Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price. (1 Corinthians 7:21-23)