



Slave of God

Titus 1:1, 2 Corinthians 5:20

Titus 1:1 says, *“This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.”* Right off, Paul is redefining our view of ourselves in his letter to Titus. Over the years, Christians have read the terms “bond servant”, or “servant” in place of the word “slave,” or *Doulos*, in the Greek language to avoid associating with the cruelty bound up in the slave trade in later days. Stephen Davey, in his commentary on the new testament says, “... the Greek language has several words that can refer to servants such as household staff, hired help, etc. *Doulos* isn’t one of them.” The bible says that we have been bought for a price, therefore we are not our own! We should view ourselves as slaves of God, the way Paul intends for us to understand in the beginning of Titus.

Let’s look at God’s word in 2 Corinthians 5:20. Paul writes, *“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, Come back to God!”* An ambassador is someone who acts as a representative. An ambassador of a country represents only its countries best interest in all matters. This is the same way for us as Christians! We represent our Savior Jesus in all that we do! We are no longer about only our business, but His business. What is His business? Saving the world. Now we know that we as Christians can’t save anyone, but we can point others to the only one who can!