

PAUL INTRODUCING PAUL TITUS 1:1-4

Paul gives a 3-fold description of himself:

1. Paul a servant of God!

Titus 1:1 PAUL, a servant (**δοῦλος**) of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Romans 1:1 PAUL, a servant (**δοῦλος**) of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Philippians 1:1 PAUL and Timotheus, the servants (**δοῦλοι**) of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

James 1:1 JAMES, a servant (**δοῦλος**) of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 Peter 1:1 SIMON Peter, a servant (**δοῦλος**) and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

There is a rawness to this:

- A servant (**διάκονος**) + (**δοῦλος**)
- A servant of God and not a servant of...

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants (**δοῦλοι τῆς ἀμαρτίας**) of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants (**έδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ**) of righteousness.

Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants (**δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν**) to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants (**δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἀγιασμόν**) to righteousness unto holiness.

Romans 6:20 For when ye were the servants (**δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἀμαρτίας**) of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Romans 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants (**δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ Θεῷ**) to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving (**δουλεύοντες**) divers lusts and pleasures (**ἐπιθυμίαις καὶ ἥδοναις ποικίλαις**), living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts (), which war against the soul;

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 1 Peter 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

- A servant LIKE Jesus commanded us to be

Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Matthew 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (**διάκονος**);

Matthew 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (**δοῦλος**):

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came **not to be ministered (διακονηθῆναι)** unto, but **to minister (δοῦναι)**, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Luke 22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

Luke 22:25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

Luke 22:26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve (ο διακονῶν).

Luke 22:27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth (ο διακονῶν)? is not he that sitteth at meat? **but I am among you as he that serveth** (ο διακονῶν).

➤ A servant **as** the highest honor & function!

➤ A servant **like** the other Apostles and Christians!

➤ A servant of God

Paul was obligated to:

Serve God

Obey God

Please God

Follow God

“No one is going to tell me what to do!”

Mr. / Ms. Prickly!

➤ A servant **OF** God **FOR**....

We serve God

In the serving of Mankind

In our particular calling.

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, **or** God? **or do I seek to please men?** for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is **not** after man.

➤ A servant who understood authority

Being in authority

Being under authority

Matthew 8:9 For I am a man **under authority**, having soldiers **under me**: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.