



IDENTITY

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IDENTITY - BOND SERVANTS PART 1

The next aspect of our identity comes in the form of being and becoming a bondservant of Christ. The word bond servant literally means slave. Being and becoming a slave of Christ. The posture or position of being a bond servant or slave is one of absolute freedom in Christ.

If you read or hear the word slave here and go to a place of bondage, oppression, restriction, cruelty etc., you are drawing your understanding from a natural, worldly mindset of being a slave. This is the complete opposite position in Christ. Bond servants or slaves of Christ are the freest people one can meet. Does this sound like an oxymoron?

Bond servants have been emptied of self, they are dead to the opinions of man, and never look for, or need as a necessity for life, any affirmation, encouragement or favour from man. They have been set free from this earthly and earthly magnetic pull by the divine grace of God.

This may appear outside of your reality and even your current belief system which is ok, as the Spirit desires to renew your mind and experience to this truth, but this is the eternal reality that proves they are bond servants or slaves of Christ.

Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the favour of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

The Scripture above is absolutely crystal clear. Paul makes it very clear that he would not be a bondservant if he is seeking the favour or affirmation of man and striving to please man. These two things don't go together.

Jesus Christ is our living example of what it is to be a bond servant.

Philippians 2:5-11 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour who is God, became a bond servant and was made in the likeness of men. Let that sink in for a minute or two. Almighty God, Jesus Christ became like you and I, died on the cross and rose again, so we could not only be justified of our sin, but so we could become like Him, and know what it is to experience a brand new life within an old perishing flesh suit, and live in the likeness of the manner to which He lived.

One can not be this bond servant or slave of Christ unless one has been humbled of the spirit of pride within. The spirit of pride is not associated with a bond servant of Christ as this is the exact opposite spirit to Christ. The first line in the verses above is the key. It says "have this attitude in yourselves".

What attitude is Paul referring to? The first beatitude out of the nine beatitudes in Matthew 5. The poor in spirit attitude to which the kingdom of heaven belongs. The inner kingdom life of Christ belongs to all those who have the poorness of spirit within them. These are the sons who are Christ's bondservants.



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QUESTIONS

1. How does one become a bondservant of Christ in reality and not just words?
2. How are bondservants of Christ called to live?
3. Why is it essential that every son is a living demonstration of a bondservant?
4. What is the key attitude or spirit that keeps sons becoming these bondservants?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?