

Titus Lesson 2
Slave of God, the Believer's True Identity - Titus 1:1a
September 27/29, 2022

I. **Paul's Salutation** (Titus 1:1-4)

II. **Paul's Identity** (Titus 1:1a)

A. Paul's Past Identity

B. Paul's True Identity: "Slave of God and an Apostle of Jesus Christ"

1. OT word for slave= **ʾābād**

2. NT word for slave= **doûlos**

Through Jesus, the Father shows us His innermost being in the form of a slave dying to give us life. (Phil. 2:7)

III. **The Believer's True Identity**

"The gospel must be preached with the full apprehension of who He is,
the demanding Lord as well as the delivering Savior." Jim Elliot

"It is not that I want merely to be called a Christian, but actually to be one. Yes, if I prove to be one by being faithful to the end,
then I can have the name. Ignatius

POA's: Take time to look at these verses in small group or at home before going on to lesson 3.
1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Col. 1:13-14; Titus 3:3-6.

Meditate on 1 Tim. 1:15-17, allowing the truths of vv. 15-16 to flood your soul with thanksgiving, leading you to praise and worship found in v. 17.

This week ask unbelieving family or friends, "what is a Christian"? Be ready, should God provide the opportunity, to give the biblical definition. It might be an opportunity to wear your badge proudly and launch into a gospel opportunity. Come back next week and share the results in your small group.

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Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can we do to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin*