

The Gospel of God

Romans 1:1a

Romans is likely the “*Most important & Influential*” books of the bible... It is a book that from which much of the “*Doctrine*” of the church is built upon...

The “*Gospel of God...*”

(ευαγγελιον) *ψοο-ανγ-γηελθ-εε-ον* ... a *good message*, that is, the *gospel*...

(ευαγγελιζο) *ψοο-ανγ-γηελ-ιδθ-ζο*...to *announce good news* (“*evangelize*”)

To *evangelize* means to tell others of the “*good news*” of Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ is the best thing, that has ever happened to me!

Paul begins, by speaking to “*his personal relationship*” to Jesus...

(Vs 1) ¹Paul, *a servant* of Jesus Christ...

He speaks to his relationship to “The Person of The Gospel...”

And rightly so... If this is not right in a person’s life, nothing else matters! You can know what the bible teaches, you can know all the stories, many of the great truths it contains...but unless you have a personal relationship with Jesus Himself... it is on no value!

The gospel is not “*About Jesus Christ*”, the gospel “*Is Jesus Christ!*”

...separated unto the gospel of God, ²(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) ³Concerning *his Son Jesus Christ our Lord*, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; ⁴And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Paul uses a very “*Descriptive*” word, to describe his relationship, to the “*Person*” of the Gospel!

Paul uses the Greek word... δουλος

Which speaks of...a slave, in the sense of subjection or subservience, bond-servant.

It portrays that of a “*Slave*” and his “*Master...*”

To me, there’s not a “*Better Description*” of what it means to have a personal relationship than this word.

T The life of a “*Servant*” could be summed up by consisting of two basic purposes...
Number one... To be “*Available*” to his master...
Number two... To be “*Obedient*” to his master...

That's it... He is there for his master's bidding...nothing else...
It speaks to the "Lordship" of the master over the servant...

Literally, the servants "entire existence" is to please his master's every wish!

★ A δουλος... or servant... **Has "No Rights...or... No Will" of his own...**
He is told what to do, when to do it, how to do it, and so on...

When Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus that day, his life was changed!

Literally! No longer would his life consist of his own will and ambitions! No longer would Paul be the "Lord of his own Life", but rather now, he would surrender his will to Jesus Christ! Christ would be his master, his Lord! Paul would spend the rest of his days being available, and obedient to Jesus!

Christ "*fleshed that out*" ... Jesus was a servant to His Father's Will!

(John 6) ³⁸*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.* ³⁹*And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.* ⁴⁰*And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which sees the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

(John 7) ¹⁶*Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

(John 12) ⁴⁷*And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.* ⁴⁸*He that rejects me, and receives not my words, hath one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.* ⁴⁹*For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father, which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.* ⁵⁰*And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

Most people don't realize this, but the truth is,

T: Jesus didn't go to the Cross as a manifestation of His love for us!
He went to the cross, out of "Obedience" to the Father's Will!

(John 3:16) *For God so loved the world...that He sent His only begotten Son...*

Isaiah 53... "The Suffering Servant..."

The "*Purposes of God*" were carried out in the life of His Son...Jesus!

Jesus Christ, was a servant to His Father's Will... It was not his rights, and his own will...but he was living out the life, in accordance will of the Heavenly Father!

Listen, as a "*Servant of Jesus*"...its not what I wish to do, what I will to do, what I desire to do...but its really what the Lord Jesus would have me to do...

I try to listen, and study his word, and pray, and let him direct my life...

Many people have understood the wrong meaning of “Grace...” Hey, Jesus didn’t go to the cross, so you and I could live how we wanted to... And that’s not just pointing to the evil things I did, it is in reference to everything I did. To not serve God... is to serve myself! And that’s exactly what I did for 25 years!

God forbid, that I would live any longer therein! That’s how I lived before I came to “Know Him!”

It is that very issue that Paul addresses in this epistle in Romans 6...

¹*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

²*God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

⁸*Now if we be dead with Christ, **we believe** that we shall also live with him:*

¹¹*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. ¹³Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

According to the “Gospel...” to have God as our Father, Jesus must be our Lord! There’s no other way! And in order for Jesus to be Lord, and Master, He must purchase us, from the “*salve market of sin*” with his own blood! And if we are His purchased possession, if we are his slaves... then we are to “yield” ourselves as “instruments” of righteousness to Him!

Jesus himself put it this way...²⁴*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.** ²⁵**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.***

Paul saw himself as A δουλος... or servant...

As one that... Has “No Rights...or... No Will” of his own...

It describes someone who has surrendered their lives to the Son of God! Making themselves available to the Lord Jesus’ every wish, being obedient to his every command! A Christian is someone who has Jesus Christ as “*His Lord*” as “*His Master!*”

Q: How would **you** describe your “personal relationship” to Jesus?

The “*Gospel*” declares that Jesus is Lord! It declares that there is no other! That only those “In Christ” will enter the glories of heaven and the presence of the Father!

Q: Is he your Lord... Is He your Master?

Jesus said this...¹⁹**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...**

²⁰**But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...**

²⁴No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Are you a “δουλος... a servant of Jesus Christ?”

Have you truly surrendered your will for his will?

The “Very Essence” of the “Gospel...” is restoring fallen men and women, to a “Right Place” with God!

There’s nothing that describes that better, than being “*Servants of Jesus Christ!*”

Turning aside from our own will and ways, by surrendering them, for the will and ways of God! Jesus restores us to “*obedience to God!*” It’s taking “Me” off the throne, and putting God in His Rightful place...

As His servant...not only am I bound to Him, but He is bound to me... He’s my owner! He owns me, he purchased me... I am His, and He is Mine!