

Slavery and Authority

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Series – Titus: Sound Doctrine, Sound Life (Part 3)

I. Introduction: the Foundation of Sound Doctrine (1:1-4)

A. How It Gripped Paul (1:1-3)

1. Seen in his very identity (1:1a)
 - a. “Paul” [for previous, see first and second sermons in series]
 - b. “_____ of God”
 - i. What is a slave?

 - ii. Why mention it?

 - iii. Six fundamental truths of this slavery
 - (1) **First**, we are all slaves

 - (2) **Second**, we have _____ to _____ ourselves

 - (3) **Third**, Jesus Christ purchased our freedom by _____

 - (4) **Fourth**, that **truth** hits us via _____

 - (5) **Fifth**, now we are slaves of God

 - (6) **Sixth**, that **truth** must have an impact on our life
 - iv. **Conclusion:**
 - c. “...and _____ of Jesus Christ”
 - i. The word
 - (1) *Apostolos* is from *apostellō*
 - (2) It means someone sent as a representative, emissary, envoy, plenipotentiary

- ii. The office
 - (1) Qualifications
 - (a) Eyewitness of resurrection

 - (b) Called by Christ

 - (c) Attested with signs and wonders

 - (2) Function: to _____ on Christ's behalf
 - (a) Predicted

 - (b) Affirmed