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**Introduction:** Review of the crisis and condemnation of abandoning grace.

Verse 10 is a transition verse.

Paul's view of his being a slave of Christ is both a conclusion to verses 6–9 and an introduction to verses 11–24

**Why do slaves of Christ not seek to please man?**

**Because one cannot be approved by God if one is approved by man.**

Paul is not referring to trying to gain the approval of God that would merit God's goodness

**1 Thessalonians 2:4–6** Paul's assurance of his being approved by God.

**2 Timothy 4:1–4** Paul's motivation to maintain God's approval.

There are many examples of OT prophets who were only interested in finding favor with God and not at all interested in finding favor with man.

Azariah **1 Kings 15:1**. Often times it is hard to maintain a serious emphasis on obedience when the mood of the day is light and full of gaiety.

Hanani **1 Kings 16:15–10** Often times it is hard to emphasize God's ways with those who are being successful are ignoring God's ways.

Isaiah **Isaiah 6:1–12** Preaching a message God approves will not always be fruitful

Jeremiah **Jeremiah 1:4–10, 17–19** Preaching a message God approves demands relying on God.

Ezekiel **Ezekiel 33:1–9** Preaching a message God does not approve is extremely detrimental

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**Paul reemphasizes the impossibility of being a man pleaser while being a slave of Christ.**

The fear of man is a powerful used by enemies of the gospel to keep people from following Christ.

**John 9:20–23**

**John 12:42–43**

**John 5:43–44**

**As a slave of Christ Paul preached an exclusive message.**

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**Acts 4:12** “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

**As a slave of Christ, Paul preached a message of repentance. Acts 20:17–21**

**Conclusion:** As slaves of Christ, we too must preach an exclusive message of repentance from sin and faith alone in Christ alone regardless of the mood of the culture and church towards this message, not seeking results, but totally relying on God’s power.