



ROMANS #2

Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...

- A Servant of Jesus Christ
- Called to be an apostle
- Set apart to preach the Gospel

A servant of Jesus Christ

Doulos = means slave

<u>Servant</u>	<u>Slave</u>
Own Master	Belongs to another
Receives a wage	No rights to a wage
Sells his labour for time or season	Sold for life
Cares about self	Owned by master
Has his own will	Cared for by master
Has his own plans	No will of his own
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Kurios = means 'master' or 'owner'

Three qualifications of a Slave

1. OWNERSHIP

"...You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9

"...the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men."
1 Timothy 2:6

And those bought by Christ are no longer their own

"...You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

But are slaves of God...

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." Romans 6:22

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who has set his 'seal of ownership' upon you." Ephesians 6:6

- A) Set free from Sin—Sons and daughters
- B) Now have choice to make—choose 'love slave'

2. OBEDIENCE

Turn from Sin and turn to God

Many only do a little turn from sin—not at 180 degree turn

3. PROVISION

Totally reliant on their master for food, clothing, shelter—don't need to think about anything for themselves.

Called to be an Apostle—Paul never thought of himself as a man who had earned special honour. He saw himself, rather, as a man who had been called to fulfill a task..

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19

What am I doing? Is it what I want to do or what God has called me to do?

- everyone gets interrupted by God's plans
- Call of God interrupts your life . His plans and purposes in You!!

Set apart for the Gospel

Being a Christian will separate you from the world for service so you may win people for Christ. For Paul

1. He was set apart at Birth
"...God, who set me apart from birth called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles..." Galatians 1:15
2. He was set apart at conversion
When you came to the Lord, you stepped into the plan that God has for your life. This plan is unfolded more and more as you grow in Christ.
3. He was set apart by the Church
"...So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:1-3

Three aspects of Paul's Calling

1. The General Calling—a love slave of Christ—prayed but no change.
2. The Special Calling—called to be an apostle—gifts and talents
3. The Particular Calling—separated to the Gospel