

92. Dr. Andrew Corbett

28 September 2020 at 9:30:40 pm  
Titus 2:9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, Titus 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

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28 September 2020 at 9:47:06 pm  
Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

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28 September 2020 at 9:54:02 pm  
Josh. 14:7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart.

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28 September 2020 at 9:54:19 pm  
Psa. 89:3 You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

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28 September 2020 at 9:54:35 pm  
2Kings 10:10 Know then that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the LORD has done what he said by his servant Elijah."

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Is. 43:10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.



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**Titus 2:9-10**

**Truth #6** - True disciples demonstrate servanthood

**Doctrine #6** - The doctrine of Worship (For God alone and heartfelt)

**Principle #6** - Circumstances do not determine the believer's worship

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The Roman world, at the time of the New Testament being written, was a world filled with the enslavement of people. In the recent, *New English Translation of the Bible (NET)*, the translator of Titus, W. Hall Harris, notes - "Many slaves in the Roman world became slaves through Rome's subjugation of conquered nations, kidnapping, or by being born into slave households" but he goes on to point out that the word translated *slave* in Titus is the same word that Paul uses to describe his relationship with Christ in **Titus 1:1** - *doulos*. Harris notes that this word did not apply to a prisoner of war, or someone kidnapped, or someone born into a slave household. Rather, a *doulos* was someone who willingly surrendered themselves into slavery to someone they were devoting their lives to. He points out that this word was used to describe Moses (**Josh. 14:7**), David (**Psalms 89:3**), Elijah (**2Kings 10:10**), and the nation of Israel (**Isa. 43:10**).

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11 October 2020 at 8:48:19 pm  
Slaves were to serve their masters willingly and with delight. The application would be how an employee has to serve their employers

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11 October 2020 at 8:54:41 pm  
This one.

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29 September 2020 at 7:45:06 am  
Ex. 21:5 But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,'  
Ex. 21:6 then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

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29 September 2020 at 7:44:08 am  
Deut. 15:15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.  
Deut. 15:16 But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you,  
Deut. 15:17 then you shall take an awl, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same.  
Deut. 15:18 It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for at half the cost of a hired worker he has served you six years. So the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

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11 October 2020 at 9:36:19 am  
Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

105. Dr. Andrew Corbett

11 October 2020 at 8:55:54 pm  
Slaves were now regarded as

1. With this understanding of the word *doulos* (translated as either *servant*, *slave*, or *bondservant*), how did the Gospel change the way that slaves were to regard their relationship with their earthly masters based on **Titus 2:9**?

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2. Does this exhortation by Paul in **Titus 2:9** endorse the practice of slavery?  
a) Yes, since Paul tells slaves to obey their masters he is therefore giving a divine sanction to buy and own slaves.

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b) No, because the word he uses, which is translated by some English bibles as 'slaves', is actually a word which described the voluntary commitment of one person into the service of another.

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The concept of a bondservant was established in **Exodus 21:5-6**, and then repeated in **Deuteronomy 15:15-18**.

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3. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, how did he show that the New Covenant revolutionised the way slaves were to be regarded? (**Gal. 3:28**)

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4. In what way does the apostle Paul's repeated description of himself as a *slave of Christ* reflect what kind of heart attitude any disciple of Christ should have? (Note **Romans 6:16-18**)

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5. How does this attitude effect how the believer worships God?

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Far from the New Testament endorsing slavery, in two places (**1Tim. 1:10**; **Revelation 18:13**) it described "slave trading" as being among the worst sins possible.

having equal access to God through Christ. In a world where slaves virtually had no rights, this was a revolutionary concept.

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11 October 2020 at 9:39:00 am  
Rom. 6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?  
Rom. 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,  
Rom. 6:18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

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11 October 2020 at 8:59:48 pm  
Before Christ, we were slaves to sin; but, since Christ has set us free from sin and saved us, we are now slaves to righteousness (right living) which is to say, we are slaves to Christ.

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11 October 2020 at 9:02:09 pm  
Since we are slaves to Christ we willingly want to worship God with all our heart.

**109. Dr. Andrew Corbett**

11 October 2020 at 4:20:40 pm  
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1Tim. 1:10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,  
  
NLT-  
1Tim. 1:10 The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching

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11 October 2020 at 4:22:02 pm  
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Rev. 18:13 cinnamon, spice, incense, perfumed ointment, frankincense, wine, olive oil and costly flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and four-wheeled carriages, slaves and human lives.

111. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 6:40:38 pm  
1Cor. 10:31 ¶ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

112. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 6:38:16 pm  
Rom. 12:1 ¶ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

113. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 6:39:51 pm  
Eph. 1:12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

114. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 5:22:37 pm  
Matt. 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
Matt. 22:38 This is the great and first commandment.  
Matt. 22:39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

115. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 9:12:53 pm  
Authentic worship of God requires a love for God that comes from our heart/soul/mind.

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11 October 2020 at 6:15:51 pm  
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11 October 2020 at 6:36:24 pm  
Rom. 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen

118. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 8:27:31 pm  
Heb. 13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

119. Dr. Andrew Corbett  
11 October 2020 at 8:28:38 pm  
This verse in Hebrews describes our praise as being a sacrifice. When times are tough, we often don't feel like worshiping and it takes a sacrifice on our part to offer worship to God.

## The Doctrine of Worship (Soli Deo Gloria)

The Reformers of the 16th century coined "Five Solas" ("Five things alone") to help distinguish their teaching from those who taught that salvation involved faith in Christ *plus* doing whatever church leaders decreed (which included *penance*, *indulgences*, confessing sins to a priest, and attending the weekly 'Mass'). For the Reformers, Christianity was not about what the believer could *get* from God, but what the believer could *give* to God—and the best thing that the believer could give to God was *worship*. They referred to this as *giving God glory*. But rather than seeing this as just what happened when the church gathered, the Reformers regarded giving God glory as involving *everything* a believer did. In other words, a believer could cook to the glory of God; eat to the glory of God; sleep to the glory of God; play to the glory of God; and work to the glory of God (note **First Corinthians 10:31**). Giving God glory involves thanking Him, praising Him, acknowledging His provisions and blessings, seeking Him, praying, interceding, and telling others about Him (note **Romans 12:1**; **Ephesians 1:12**).

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6. Based on **Matthew 22:37-39**, what might we claim is essential for authentic worship of God?

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We are created to worship God and when a person refuses to worship God they will still worship - *but it will be an act of i\_\_\_\_\_y instead* (note **Romans 1:25**).

## As A Matter of Principle, Circumstances Do Not Determine Our Worship of God

Sometimes life gets difficult and that can make worshiping God difficult.

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7. Ponder **Hebrews 13:15**. How might this shape how we should worship God when our circumstances are difficult?

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## **Prayer**

*Lord Jesus,*

*Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. May we be led by Your Spirit into a deeper relationship with You. May we worship You with all of our heart, mind and soul. Please put a song of praise in our mouths to declare Your glory to the world. Even when we don't want to gather with Your people to worship You together, we pray that You would help us to offer You sacrifices of praise in the midst of the congregation so that You will be our focus rather than what ails us. In Jesus' Name we pray,*

*Amen.*