

BOND SLAVE

In [Ro 1:1](#) when Paul says that he is a servant of Jesus Christ, he says "I'm a bond slave of Jesus Christ" You remember in the Old Testament where that if a person sold himself to be a slave to someone else, to be a servant because he had become poor and was unable to provide for himself, he might sell himself to a neighbor to be a slave and depending on what particular year that was -in the year of Jubilee he was free to go. But if he had a good master and he realizes that he is the same person that he was before he sold himself into slavery and if he was set free he would probably wind up in the same position and if he had a good master he would commit himself for life and that master would take him to the door post and there he would bore a hole through his ear and that was a sign that he was a servant for life. That's what David was saying here, *{in [Ps 116}](#)* he says "I've found a good master -under sin I became poor, unable to care for myself but I have found a good Master in Jesus Christ and I am going to be a servant for life. That's the right response to make." "My service to Jesus Christ is not temporary, it's a life-time commitment to Him." "I am thy servant..."- [Ps 116:16](#) Any other response is beneath the dignity of God -any other response is beneath the dignity of God. Any other response to what God has done for sinners than to commit oneself to Him for life as a servant is beneath the dignity of what God has done. "I'm Thy servant, I'm not a hired hand, I'm a servant. I'm in it for the duration." The Psalmist said I will go among the Lord's people and there I will spend and live my days among them and I'll offer the praise of thanksgiving to Him for that which He has done for me.

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