



## ‘The Five-fold Transmission of the Disclosure; What it Means to be a Doulos’ (REV05)

### What Does it Mean to be a Bondservant (δούλος)?

Kenneth Wuest (1893-1961), the former professor of New Testament Greek at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, offers a beautiful insight on the Greek word **δούλος** (doulos) translated “bondservant” in **Revelation 1:1**.<sup>1</sup>

1) *Doulos* (δούλος) is the most contemptible, servile term used by the Greeks to denote a slave.

2) The word designated:

One who was *born* as a slave.

One who was bound to his master in chords so strong that *only death* could break them.

One who served his master *to the disregard* of his own interests.

One whose will was *swallowed up* in the will of his master.

### Application

✠ We are all born slaves of sin at our physical birth, and became bondslaves of the Lord when we were born again.

✠ The chords that bound us to our old master, Satan, were torn apart in our new identification with Christ. When we died to self, death broke the bond!

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<sup>1</sup> Wuest, Kenneth S. Wuest, *Wuest's Word Studies in the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997) on Romans 1:1.

- ‡ The chords that bind us to our new Master, Christ, will never be broken since Christ will never die again!
- ‡ Our will, once swallowed up in the will of Satan, should now be swallowed up in God's will.

## **The Five-fold Transmission of the Disclosure** (Revelation 1:1-2)

From "God" the Father



To "Jesus Christ"



Through "His Angel"



To the Apostle "John"



And, ultimately, to us, "His bondservants"