

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

1.) The emphasis in vs 9 is on the responsibility of workers to serve faithfully because this reflects the **TRANSFORMING POWER** of God in our lives.

2.) vs 9 If *bond-slaves* are compelled to submit to those w/absolute power, how much more should "free" **BELIEVERS SUBMIT?**

3.) vs 9 speaks to the need to be **COMMITTED** to **EXCELLENCE** in the workplace because Christ is our ultimate overseer.

4.) vs 10 Today, "Pilfering" in the work place might include: inflated time sheets, taking office supplies or unauthorized use of company computers. This **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** not only damages employers financially, but also damages our ability to properly represent the Kingdom of Christ.

5.) vs 11 Why would Paul insert this statement at this point? Because in all issues it's God's **GRACE** which **FREES** me to obey:

- frees me to follow after God
- frees me to know Him
- frees me to obey

6.) Jesus is the **PERSONIFICATION** of God's Grace; He brought what was previously unseen into full light.

7.) We see in vs 12 that the *Grace of God* also **RESTRUCTURES** our thinking. The same grace that redeems us also leads us to **REFORM** our lives

8.) vs 13 tell us specifically that we need to be looking for the return of Jesus with **EXPECTATION** that it is going to happen. The "Hope" we have associated with this is of a **CONFIDENT** certainty.

**Doulos** (doo'-los) a *slave* [literal or figurative] involuntary or voluntary; (sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*)

**Hupotasso** [hoop-ot-as'-so] (hupo) and (tasso); to *subordinate*:- be under obedience, (be) subject (to, unto), submit self unto

**Despotes** [des-pot'-ace] an absolute *ruler* ("despot"):- lord, master; *with absolute authority*

**Antilego** (an-til'-eg-o) to *dispute, refuse*:- contradicting, deny, gainsay (-er), speak against, answer again

**Nosphizo** (clandestinely); to *sequestrate* for oneself, *embezzle*:- keep back, purloin; misappropriate

**Kosmeo** (cosmetics) adorning substances- natural/artificial –women :- root-arrange in proper order; give symmetry and beauty

**Epiphaino** [ep-ee-fah'ee-no] to *shine upon*:- become (literal) *visible* or (figurative) known :- appear, give light

**Paideuo** pahee-dyoo'-o to *train up* a child, *educate*, (by implication) *discipline*:- chasten, teach

**Prosdechomai** (pros-dekh'-om-ahee) - [figurative] endurance; by implication to await (w/confidence or patience) certain expectation:- look (wait), cherish [ing]

**Lutroo** loo-tro'-oto *ransom* (literal):- redeem; to *loosen* with a redemption *price* (figurative *atonement*)

**God's GRACE**- unmerited favor by which He delivers us from condemnation

**THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER IN THE WEEK AHEAD:**

What do your co-workers & friends see when they see you:

- DO they see a believer who is patient or impatient?
- DO they see a believer who is kind or uncaring?
- DO they see a believer who is selfless or selfish?
- DO they see a believer who is honest or dishonest?
- DO they see a believer who is clean or vulgar in conversation?

**How can I live the principles of this message?**


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**How might these issues be carried into my prayer life?**


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**GREEK WORDS USED TODAY**