

## Project what you perceive

When the Christian era began 2/3 of the Christians were slaves. These slaves were not following Christ to cease from being slaves. They were following Christ because Christ acknowledges their position in life to be the greatest position to be of use to everybody. And Christ recognizes and acknowledges that the slave is the one that had the knowledge to execute the tasks their masters required of them to do.

Slaves in the time of Christ range from your typical home slave, to theater actors, dancers, singers and sport figures. The Greek theater offers the plays of the gods. Among the titan gods was **Atlas**, who was very daring and challenged **Zeus** himself. For his bold defying challenges, Atlas was condemned by Zeus to carry the heavens and the starry host upon his back.

The Christian not wanting to identify with these gods of debauchery and lewdness chose the condemnation of Atlas to be the very thing that would proudly represent them for what they did and managed to accomplish by being slaves. They knew that without them society would not run its natural course of grandeur and splendor.

In the words of Christ they found themselves described as children of The Most High God. Christ had said his followers would be those who had no place to call their own. No family, house or possession to cling to. Christ had said his followers would be constantly persecuted, ill treated, cursed and defamed (or evil spoken of) by all and eventually killed as a sheep that is bound to go to the slaughterhouse.

The slaves had lived all the words that Christ was saying but they had never consider themselves to be in the royal path that leads to and exalts the Creator and His Son Jesus Christ. When Christ told them they were the ones best suited in all society to bear his Good (useful) Name they gladly join the throng of believers and went with boldness to execute their tasks and chores of slaves knowing fully well in their hearts and minds God had redeemed them from living to represent any man and He who sustains the Heavens in their place by the Word of His power had become their only Master.

The condemnation of Atlas became to the Christians the commendation of the Name of Christ. They were going to be a people zealous of Good (useful) works (occupations). They were going to despise idleness and any activity that would not make them do good (useful tasks) to all society. They were going to render to all their brothers and sisters in Christ all their knowledge and skills. All along they were going to be extremely careful to maintain the execution of an outpouring of good works which the world they knew had never seen before.

## **Chapter Two**

**When the Christian era began 2/3 of the Christians were slaves. And the other 1/3 was men who by the standards of the world were “rich” and “free” men who owned lands and possessions. This 1/3 however sold their lands and possessions to embrace the life of being slaves of Jesus Christ.**

**All the early Christians understood creation as a slave of God. They understood this world only had two kinds of slaves. There would be the slaves of righteousness, and there would be the slaves of unrighteousness.**

**The early Christians understood themselves to be the temple, the house, the vehicle, in short they understood themselves to be the multi-purposed property used and employed by The Word to communicate or portray with nature, the stars and all things made a picture of the Divine Benevolent Father.**

**It was the Word the early believer’s admired. It was the way Jesus spoke with boldness, certainty and authority, which captivated their souls and made them desire and want This Word of God working in them and coming out of them.**

**The early believers started believing that Christ had come to show them a new gimmick or secret of success for procuring for themselves the “riches” of this world. OOPS! But Christ had come to expose error and bring fellowship back with the Father. Christ had come to disrupt the corrupted portrayal. Christ pointed to the way and He Himself was the Way.**

**This boldness of Christ to speak in such a manner as to disregard everyone's opinion of what should be sacred and holy and dash to the ground the traditions the forefathers, was the one thing that appealed the most to all His followers.**

**Even the unbelieving soldiers that were sent to apprehend Him came back empty handed, because they were astonished at the boldness by which Christ expressed Himself. They said: "Never has any man spoken as This One".**

**This muscle and strength of confession/expression found in Christ - The Word - inspired the early believers to identify Jesus with Atlas holding the heavens and starry host upon his shoulders.**

**The early Christians believed in order to become spiritual weight lifters. They loved to show the muscle and strength of their inner man - Jesus - The Word of God. Is the reason for you believing in Christ nowadays to make the word you speak show some muscle and strength?**

### **Chapter Three**

**When the Christian era began 2/3 of the Christians were slaves. And the other 1/3 was free men who owned lands and possessions. This 1/3 however sold their lands and possessions to embrace the life of being slaves of Jesus Christ. The early Christians did not call Jesus Master and Lord as a mere formality, but they took upon themselves the lifestyle of a slave. Parting with the ownership of anything they embrace the task of stewardship, being thus overwhelmingly glad to manage, on behalf of their savior, all things visible and invisible God had entrusted to their care.**

**As slaves of Christ they knew themselves to be God's property. And as God's property they understood that property has no rights to own anything. They understood that property can only be use and control by it's Owner and Master. They had no problems with Christ telling them "When you do all that you ought to do, think of yourselves as unprofitable servants because you can only do what the Word teaches and instructs you to do".**

**A slave understood that everything he did was not for his own glory and honor but rather to exalt the honor and glory of his benevolent Master.**

**An early believer armed with the mentality of being a bond slave to Christ, would have never consider, not even for a second, the idea of using or claiming the Good Name of Christ for his own personal advantage or profit. The early believers did not only part with their possessions but at any instant were willing to parts with their**

**lives for the privilege of proclaiming and confessing Christ to be “The Word of God made flesh that has come to save us by His grace”.**

**When Peter was put in prison and the angels delivered him. The early Christian did not pray for angels to deliver them as well, but rather for boldness to be given to them so they could also be willing to die for their Lord at any moment. They constantly say “we did not hold our lives dear to ourselves”. They long in their hearts to please their Lord by being counted worthy to have suffer for their Lord.**

**The constant prayer request of that faithful slave “the apostle Paul” was for an opportunity to speak the word, for a door of utterance and for boldness to deliver the message as an edict from the King of heaven, even in the face of impending torture, persecution or death.**

**The early believers sacrifice their physical bodies and exposed them to constant danger in order to show off THE BODY OF GOD. The body of God is the words that reveal Him. To the early believers “The Word” The body of revelation was their inner man.**

**The early believers love to display “THE WORD” showing muscle and strength. That means the word of their lips was not employ to confess their dreams, desires and wants as the pagans did and even as the religious leaders of their time had taught the masses to pray to God to grant them their dreams, desires and wants. The early believers employ the word of their lips to announce they were complete in Christ and therefore nothing in this world was necessary, they employ the word of their lips to announce that as far they were concerned “the Desired of All Nations” was truly theirs in Christ Jesus and everything else was an idle conceit.**

**Because they knew Jesus - The Word - held and sustained every atom in creation they love to live as slaves without titles and recognition always learning how to be useful and skillful in anything their fellowmen asked of them. This was the best way to represent and direct all glory and honor to Their Lord and savior - the very glue of the universe.**

**The early believers were spiritual weight lifters. They loved to show the muscle and strength of their inner man - Jesus - The Word of God. Is the word you speak showing some muscle and strength?**

***This is why when you walk in God’s name, you walk with the forces of Heaven behind you and that is Power.***