FOUNDATION FOR BEING A DISCIPLE

- It is important for us to establish the right foundation for being a disciple.

- James 1: 1 - The introduction or greeting that James gives to the twelve tribes at the beginning of this letter is the most profound passage regarding discipleship you will ever find.

- Significance of James - Jesus' brother
    - Luke 24: 10
    - Gal. 1: 18-19
    - A disciple of Jesus who walked with Him

- Something happened to fully convince James about who his brother Jesus really was, and when he received this revelation he became a disciple of Jesus and gave his life for the Kingdom of God.

- James' opening statement gives us the foundational key to being a disciple of Jesus Christ - JAMES, A SERVANT

- Real meaning of "servant" – BONDMAN

- You could say, James was a bondman or a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ Definition of "servant": An employee who gets paid and has full rights as a member of the union.

❖ Definition of "bond slave": A slave that was freed but chose of his own free will to go back into slavery to that master from where he came, surrendering his rights to the rights of his master.

❖ Benefits and blessings for being a disciple of Jesus:

1. SLAVES ARE PURCHASED – Rev 5:9

2. SLAVES ARE PROTECTED – John 17:11; 1 Cor 13:6-7

3. SLAVES ARE POSITIONED – Rom 12:4-8

❖ God's ultimate goal of discipleship is to bring you to maturity, so He will put you in a place where you must stay regardless of what happens – you put your roots down and grow.

❖ Disciples are followers of Jesus' nature, character and ways. A true disciple is a person who has been transformed.

- Not only are we called to be His disciples but we are called to disciple others so we all become mature in Christ.