

I Am Debtor

Introduction:

- A. When a baby is born in the US, its share of the national debt is over \$14,000.
- B. Paul owed an even greater debt than this. - Romans 1:14
- C. Do we owe such a debt? If so, how can we pay it?

I. Do we owe such a debt?

- A. Paul had been brought in debt to Christ because of what Christ had done for him, i.e., called him to the apostleship and saved him by His grace. - 1 Timothy 1:12-15
- B. We have likewise been brought into debt. - 1 Timothy 1:16
 - 1. Jesus has saved us by His grace. - 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - 2. He called us to be His disciples. - Luke 19:10; 6:40; Mark 1:16-18

II. How can we pay this debt?

- A. Paul recognized that, though he could never repay the debt he owed, it brought him under obligation to take the gospel to all. - 1 Corinthians 9:16-17; Romans 1:14-17
- B. Likewise, we:
 - 1. can never repay the debt we owe. - Luke 17:10
 - 2. have been brought under obligation to present to the people of our community:
 - a. the gospel - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 - b. an informed people - 1 Peter 3:15
 - c. a united people - John 17:20-21
 - d. a Christ-like people - Matthew 5:16

Conclusion:

- A. We can never repay the debt we owe to the Lord. - e.g., debt to my mother; 1 Timothy 5:4
- B. But we should give a lifetime of dedicated service in recognition of the debt.