

B. Lesson : Obedience Is The Evidence Of The Holy Spirit Working on You.

Obedience Is The Evidence That the sanctification of the Holy Spirit is taking place.

Synonyms for obedience are: Follow, serve, keep, comply, observe, submit, and yield.

1. Obedience brings appointments:

Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: The Apostles became apostles because they chose to **obey** the gospel of Christ. And they received grace, unmerited favor with God because they believed in the gospel of the kingdom of God. If we wish to receive a calling to be busy about the Lords business we must be obedient to the word of God. When we believe God is whom the scriptures pronounce he is, we acknowledge that God knows best causing us to be ready to listen and obey by becoming go-getter of the commands given? This is how we receive grace and go from grace to grace.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. *1 Pet 5:5*..... be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. *6* Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: *2 Pet 3:18* But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The humble person will not argue with the commands of the Lord but will honor God through obedience and by doing so, he will grow in grace, however the proud will argue with the words of God and refuse to obey. From Romans 2:5 we see two things that took place in the Apostles lives because of their obedience: They received their calling and grace to fulfill it.

2. Disobedience Destroys Others:

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Here we see how one person, Adam infected the whole world with the terminal disease called sin which always leads to death. When this man allowed rebellion to enter his heart against God through disobedience the whole world became infected by it. A child is not taught to disobey, steal, lie or be selfish it is natural because we are from Adams genetic pool.

Paul is telling us that as one man **disobeyed** many perished. *John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

It is natural for a person to disobey God because that person cannot understand the holiness of God. A person not born of the spirit will naturally walk after the flesh, the flesh is born in corruption and all are affected by its sinful nature and will perish unless they obey the gospel.

I remember before I came to the Lord many of the people that called themselves Christians were just as corrupt as those that were not. Though I knew God was real and holy I thought most of his followers were hypocrites and I would not allow them to teach me the gospel or lead me to Christ. Why would I want to be a Christian if a Christian isn't any different that I am as a sinner? What if these people had been doers of the word and not just believers?

How many people have died and perished because of the poor witness of so called believers, as was Adam? Believers that are doers of the word give life but believers that obey not the word bring death. Adam believed God, talked to God, walked with God and disobeyed God. Through his disobedience he aborted the grace of God and became a cast away. When the Day of Judgment arrives I believe those that disobeyed God will stand in terrier especially those that confessed they were his.

Here are some other examples of leaders that fail: The ten spies in the 13th chapter of Numbers caused a whole nation to lose favor with God for forth years. King Saul disobeyed God and lost favor with God {1Samuel 15}, the priest, Eli failed to control his sons and lost favor with God {1Samuel 4} and the rich young lawyer failed to obey God and lost his soul. {Matt. 19:21-22}

3. Obedience brings life to others:

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: Christ is the perfect illustration of obedience, seek to follow his example.

The true believer that loves and obeys God is a light to the world, salt for seasoning, peace to the weary, rests for those that labor, and a comforter to those

that are troubled. Jesus came into the world to save those that had the disease of sin, he was the cure, his blood would cleanse and inoculate all those that applied it to their lives as they **obey**; having their sins remitted in the name of Jesus in baptism.

We are a type of Christ in a since; when we are **obedient** to the word of God our lives are pure and holy, we shine like a light on a mountain in the night, people are drawn to us and they desire what we have. We are a witness of the life that Jesus gives to those that love and **obey** him and in turn we bring life to those that see and hear us. Because of our obedience people live and receive grace as we continue to receive more grace. Grace is akin to love, the more you give the more you receive.

4. Obedience is the evidence that Jesus is our Lord.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

The meaning of obey is. “ Submit to the government or direction of those in authority. If we obey the Christ, we are His and if we fail to obey Christ then he is not our Lord. What ever we chose to obey then becomes our Lord. If we submit to the flesh then the flesh is our lord. If we comply with God’s will, he is Lord of over us.

1 Tim 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. Those that make Jesus Christ their Lord will covet nothing else but to please him through a lifestyle led by his will. This is our reasonable service unto the one that purchased and set us free from the infection of sin by his blood alone.

A King will take servants were ever he goes to wait upon him and honor him, this would require us then to follow our Lord the King where so ever he leads us and serve him graciously. As he led Abraham into an unknown country telling him to leave his kindred and history behind, he is telling us too put his kingdom first.

As we surrender to him everything else will become ours for not only does he call us to serve but also he calls us his son. As Joseph became second to the king of Egypt and all things were free to him, we become second to the King of kings and all things will become free to us. Jesus said these things should follow them that believe and are baptized therefore when we trust in Christ and these things will

added unto us. Adam had dominion over all the earth until he sold it to Satan through disobedience to Christ, therefore when we obeyed the gospel of the kingdom of God we were given back that authority lost by Adam. If we should disobey the Lord we lose dominion and become subjects to Satan as Adam.

***Mark 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 **And these signs shall follow** them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs **following**. Amen.*

He commanded us to go forth and to preach the gospel everywhere: we obeyed because we believed and were baptized in the name of Jesus, then he gives us power in his name that signs should follow us as we followed him.

5. Obedience is the evidence of faith:

***Rom 16:25** Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience of faith**: 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.*

A person hearing the doctrine of the gospel of the kingdom must believe and obey it. He will understand that God's message requires repentance, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and circumcision of the heart which means to be baptized in His name {**Col. 2:9-15**}, and to receive the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost. That is "Obedience of faith," All the types and shadows pointed to this, but it was a mystery to the prophets, however God revealed it to us because we believed and obeyed.

If one from the 17th century were to walk into 21st century home and was told to flip the switch that alight would come on, he might think you were crazy and not believe that a tiny switch could bring light however it would be foolish for him to sit in a corner and complain about the darkness if he did not step out on faith and obey. You and I both know that the light would come on and darkness would flee but a person from the 17th century could not know this, to find out he must obey and when in flipping the switch he would be astonished. That is a type of what

happens when we obey Christ, once we flip the switch of obedience we become astounded.

Those that have obeyed Christ know that the light comes on and darkness submits to it. But trying to tell someone that never experienced it, would cause one to question it's soundness.

Jesus tells us the wise man that built his house on the words of God stood the test but the foolish man built his house on the words of man and his house came down. The wise man and the foolish man were builders, both of these men were believers, both men listened to God but one obeyed the words of Christ and the other ignored his words. *Matt 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

6. Obedience is the evidence of truth:

2 Cor 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. This refers to those that have submitted to Christ according to the gospel of kingdom in the dispensation of the Gentiles and once they have received the truth they will have difficulty in understanding those that are not inline with the gospel given by the apostles. Above all else we must know the truth and teach the truth to those that are not within its borders. When a person exalts a religion or doctrine other than that given by the apostles, he is going against the knowledge of God.

1 Pet 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Sprinkling of the blood of Jesus refers to the Old Testament type where a dove was killed held over a bowl of water and its blood was sprinkled into the water. Then a live dove was dipped into the water and set free. Jesus was the dove that gave his blood and we represent the dove that was baptized or dipped in his name and set free. Once we have heard the gospel, believed, repented, baptized in the kings name and received the gift of the Holy Spirit, we become the elect of God because of our obedience.

Keep in mind that Peter said. *Acts 2: 39 "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call"* concerning the gift of Holy Spirit. {**John 4:23; Mat.25:1-15**} Jesus will pick his

bride from a people seeking to worship him in spirit and in truth, with their lamps burning from pure oil to light their way into his presents. When we worship God in truth we obey his word and will through the Spirit be renewed and purified. In submitting to the direction of Holy Spirit we are empowered to yield to God's principles, which brings about spiritual sanctification.

7. Obedience Is the Evidence of Love:

The first and greatest commandment is to love one God Deut 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:* Because it is a command this is something that we must chose to do personally and it can easily be obtained and expected of us. God will never ask us to do something we are not capable of doing, with his help and our desire to love him he will fulfill this command.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth. Christ tells the believers if they will he will or in other words if you love me you will obey me and I will fill you the Holy Ghost. {Abide with your forever} How can someone get the Holy Ghost by just believing when believing can take place without love? Satan believes there is one God and he has no love for God. A person can confess that Jesus is Lord but they may not desire his authority over them as being their Lord, they may enjoy a lifestyle of sin being their Lord.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. This clearly explains how that obeying the word of God we be the evidence that we abide in his love.

Obedience pleases God and brings rewards:

Matt 3:17 "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus obeyed the Father and the rewards were out of this world as he was exalted into the heavens and now he receives and enjoys the worship of those that love him.

1Thes 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. Paul received commands from Christ concerning the gospel of the Kingdom; these were given to the church that they may please God and were to continue to be handed down to the next generation of believers. Through the 2,000 years some has preached the gospel differently than first preached by the Apostles but keep in mind the truth becomes evident through the study of the Bible.

Questions:

1 The apostles received grace and apostleship because of their _____ to the faith, for his name. Rom 1:5

Synonyms for obedience are: _____, serve, _____, comply, _____, submit, and _____.

Obedience brings _____:

When we acknowledge that God knows best and what he tells us is the best thing for us, we move into a higher realm of faith. {True ___ or False ___}

What did one man do to make many sinners? _____ Rom 5:19

“The wages of sin is death” therefore because of one mans {Adam} failure to obey God many have perished. {True ___ or False ___}

When one man _____ God, many will find Life.

8. Obedience is the _____ that Jesus is our Lord.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye _____ yourselves servants to _____, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto _____, or of obedience unto righteousness?

11 If we obey the Christ, we are His and if we fail to obey Christ then he is not our Lord. {True ___ or False ___}

12 1 Tim 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and _____ after _____, godliness, faith, love, patience, _____.

Obedience is a lifestyle of _____.

We are living in the dispensation of the Gentiles. Did the apostles live in the dispensation of the Gentiles? Yes ___ or No ___

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down _____, and every high thing that _____ itself against the knowledge of God

1 Pet 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through _____ of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: _____ unto you, and _____, be multiplied.

Deut. 6:4 God commanded that we love one God with all thine _____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Because it is a command this is something that we must chose to do _____ and because God commanded us, it can easily be obtained and is _____ of us.

20. From John 14:15-26 If ye love Christ, keep his commandments. He will give you “Even the _____ of _____.

From John 10:15 How shall you abide in God’s love? {Circle the right answer.}

A. Believe in Christ. **B.** Confess that Christ is Lord. **C.** Obey the words of Christ. **D.** Acknowledge that he is God.

22 Jesus kept the Fathers commandments and In Matt 3:17 God said. “This is my _____ Son, in whom I am well _____.”