

Mt. Lebanon Church.

Obedience to God – Bible Study

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

Roman 6: 15 – 18

Shall we sin because we are not under law....

Obedience to God means moving ourselves aside and allowing God and his word through the Holy Spirit to show us his way and to move in our lives. It means trusting that he will be true to us through his word and allows us to focus on the Lord and he will fulfill his promises in and through us as believers. Anyone who wants to truly know God, to walk closer with him, must be obedient to him.

Romans 6: 15 – 18

Our manual for living is Gods word, we must meditate on it and allow it to shape our lives. We cannot claim to have the love of God without obedience to God and his word. Obedience to God is living his word. (obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine).

God shows his love for us through the sacrifice of his son (Christ) on the cross.

Proverbs 14: 14 – 15

.....But a prudent man gives thoughts to his steps.

As believers the course in life that we take is dependant upon our choices of right and wrong and considering if the things in our life are agreeable or contrary to the perfections of God. Obedience to God promotes holiness of the heart and our spiritual life.

When we are obedient to God we show him we have faith in him and trust in him completely. We are obedient to God not because we have to but because we want to.

Lets explore some of the steps we should give thought to in finding our way to obedience with God.

Step 1 – Christ calls us to obedience.

John 15: 12 – 17

This is my commandment that you love one another....

Our nature (worldly nature) to do our own thing.

Gods nature (Gods will) to obey his commands, his grace, his love.

John 7: 17 – 18

If anyone wills to do his will....

Obedience helps us to choose Gods ways which is the way of life and salvation by Christ. God allows us to see Christ as a pattern for our life and the Holy Spirit for a guide.

Our obedience should not be based on human recognition, but on heavenly guidance.

God does not make us obey, it must come out of our free will.

2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

We must bring every thought and concern into the obedience of God. Through this we gain wisdom and knowledge in Christ.

When we live obedient lives, others will sense the peace and joy he has given us through and by his calling. This is one of the greatest comforts in experiencing Gods goodness.

Step 2 – Obedience is our act of worshipping God.

Worshipping God is expressing our love to him.

Obedience is the highest form of worship, obedience to the word of God means putting our faith, hope and love for Christ into action.

Psalm 119: 33 – 42

Teach me o Lord the way of your stautes....

As believers we should do whatever God ask without hesitation. God does not owe us an explanation for anything he ask us to do. Some things God ask us to do we will not understand until we are obedient and do them. With obedience comes understanding.

James 2: 24

Justified by works, not faith only.

We please God by what we do (worshipping him) and not only by what we believe.

No you cannot earn salvation, but you bring pleasure to God through obedience. Obedience is worshipping God.

Luke 4: 18

The spirit of the Lord is upon me....

You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only will you serve. We can worship God, anywhere, anytime.

Genesis 22:5

Stay here, I will go yonder and worship.

God ask Abraham to be obedient in his worship and this obedience was for Abraham to sacrifice his son.

How do we know how God wants us to worship him.

We know how God wants us to worship him by obedience to his word. To be obedient to his word, we must understand his word.

Ephesians 4: 11 – 12

For the edifying of the body of Christ. We need to know our spiritual calling, for this is one of the ways we worship God. Gods word will tell us where he wants us to go and what he wants us to do.

John 4:24

Worship him in spirit and in truth.

Worshipping God is a powerful, spiritual exercise in the believers life. In spirit and in truth means we are focusing on the message of Christ and the cross. We must continually renew our minds in the words of God daily.

We need to be in a state of continual repentance for our thoughts and behavior as we realize when they are contrary to what we find in God word. We should conduct our lives to please God.

Romans 12:1

Present ourselves a living sacrifice.

This will help us greatly in our obedience in worship to God.

Step 3 – Obedience in our work of faith for God.

Over the past weeks we have been studying on obedience to God.

The last Sunday evening bible study we started the 3rd and final step in our obedience to God, which was
- Obedience in our work of faith for God.

1 Corinthians 15: 9 – 11

By the grace of God, I am what I am.

As Christians, we are chosen vessels of salvation, not by works but by the grace through faith.

The grace that saves us, changes us. The changes do not come all at once and are not complete until we pass from this life to life eternal. Change comes as we mature and deepen our understanding of the salvation of Christ in our life. As our understanding grows, so does the work of God and for God. We work hand in hand with God, not because he needs us, but because he wants us to share in his work and his blessings.

Often times we seek by our own works to try to get God to respond to us. We learn through obedience God initiates, man responds. So the work that I do is in response to what God has done for me.

1 Timothy 1: 16, 17 – Paul says: However for this reason I obtained mercy....

No matter what we have done, God's grace works in us. By faith, through self examination, confession and repentance we come to know God's grace and mercy.

2 Corinthians 10:10 – Let a person consider this, we are in word....

Paul did not dispute what he had been, but, despite what he had been and what other people said, he lived what he became through obedience by the grace of God through the salvation of Christ.

Through obedience being: regenerated, called, sanctified, justified, pardoned – having the hope of eternal life through salvation. What we are is not made by man, not of our own learning or education or though any of our own merits, but by the sovereign will of God who bestowed upon us his grace, we became what we are in him through Christ.

John 14: 15 – 18

God wants us to do more than just participate in good works. He wants us to be Christ like. To believe in and become a part of his good work. By knowing him, loving him and having a personal relationship with him.

Obedience in our work of faith for God is living God's word. In other words it is living as Christ lived.

Living God's word shows him we are serious about our work and our relationship with him and willing to follow wherever he leads.

Christlike living can only be accomplished through obedience to the Holy Spirit and the work that he would have us to do.

The indwelling Holy Spirit is the greatest of characteristics in a Christian's life. The world does not recognize the Holy Spirit, nor can the world receive the Holy Spirit. Believers are given the Holy Spirit through salvation. The Spirit's presence is eternal, everlasting, it will never leave us.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, glorifying the father in heaven.

We cannot work our way into heaven, but because we have been redeemed we should have good works.

If Christ is dwelling within us and we are living for him, then we must have and do the good works of Christ.

As believers we should declare, openly, the wisdom and knowledge of Gods grace to all. Our good works toward mankind is listed in:

Galations 5: 22 – 26 – The fruit of the spirit is: Love, joy, peace....

This is the doctrine of our salvation, the doctrine of Gods grace, by example, to send the gospel of the word of Christ to the world. Communicating spiritual light, life, and joy before men.

James 2: 14 – 26

Works are our obedience to God.

Depending on our motives our works will be judged or rewarded.

As Christians, as we stand before Christ, we have the wonderful gift of salvation and promise of eternal life. But as we stand before Christ, the thing that he will be talking with us about is what we did in this life as a believer. Did we use the gifts, talents, and abilities that God gave us, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit to be profitable to the glory of God.

Works will not get us eternal life, but, through salvation works will make our faith profitable. It will allow us to have better fellowship with one another and Christ. It will help us to grow and mature in him. As Christians our good works energizes our faith.

Hebrews 5: 7 – 9,when he offered up prayers and supplications.... Was heard because of Godly fears.... He learned obedience.... He became the author of eternal salvation....

Salvation can only come through obedience.

Christ here shows us the choice that he made. The choice to redeem mankind. Adam chose death, suffering and sin over God, so Christ voluntarily interceded as savior of the world. Just as God did not force his will for redeeming man upon Christ, Christ does not force his will of redemption upon us. Everything God is, Jesus is. Everything God desires, Jesus desires. Everything Jesus is and desires we should be and desire. Everything is by choice.

Revelation 22: 12 – 13

To give everyone according to his works.

As Christians, Our work is the fruit of Gods grace, our conversation is one of a righteous person, justified by Christ. Holy, good and sanctified by the spirit of God we will receive the reward of grace, the crown of righteousness.

Obedience to God means having the right to the tree of life. Obedience shows our faith and the fruits of our works, it is an outward sign of our inward work. Obedience is a sign of our love for God and our willingness to serve him.

1 John 3:23 – And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

John 14: 15

If you love me, keep my commandments.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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