



Obedience

Lesson 12



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Lesson Outline



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I. The Call to Obedience



- The Law vs. the New Covenant –
- [2 Corinthians 3:5-6](#)
- The Law is written on our heart – [Heb 8:10](#)
- Christians are freed from the slavery of the law, and thus made slaves to God – [Rom 6:22](#)
- We are free to serve, not under compulsion, but with love and joy – [John 4:19](#)
- Love sums up the Christians motivation for obedience – [Matt 22:37](#)

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I. The Call to Obedience



- God wants us completely, and we can serve Him by;
 - By denying oneself – [Luke 9:23](#)
 - By offering oneself – [Romans 12:1](#)
 - Not a list of “do’s and don’ts” – [Col 2:20-3:2](#)

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I. The Call to Obedience



- How can I become more obedient?
- Take every thought captive – [2 Cor 10:5](#)
- Dwell on things that are noble, pure, good [Philippians 4:8](#)
- Set your mind on things above – [Colossians 3:1-2](#)
- Be Holy in our actions - [1 Pet 1:14-16](#)
- Be Imitators of God– [Ephesians 5:1-2](#)

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I. The Call to Obedience



The struggle of obedience

- We all fall short – [James 3:2](#)
- The example of Paul – [Romans 7:15-19](#)
- Paul had a convicting heart
- Paul had a struggle with sin

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II. Obedience Marks a True Believer 


- Obedience is a mark of true salvation
- Love for God is a mark of true salvation – [1 John 4:7-8](#)
- Obedience is proof of our relationship with Christ – knowing Christ as our Lord
- Love is reflected in obedience – [1 John 2:3-5](#)

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- Real faith, saving faith, is all of me (mind, emotions, and will) embracing all of Him (Savior, Advocate, Provider, Sustainer, Counselor, and Lord God). Those who have such faith will love Christ (Romans 8:28; I Cor 16:22; I John 4:19).

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III. Examples of Disobedience and Obedience. 

What are some external evidences or consequences of disobedient behavior? [Romans 1:26-27](#)
Consider [Zechariah 7:11-14](#).

Christ's Example of Obedience

1. What was Christ's primary concern on earth? ([John 4:34](#))
To do the will of his Father and to finish his assignment on earth,
2. Even when facing the cross, what was Christ's attitude? ([Luke 22:42](#))
To go ahead and do his Father's will.
3. To what extent was Jesus willing to be obedient? ([Philippians 2:8](#))
To die on the cross for our sins.

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IV. The Promises and Blessings of Obedience



A. List some blessings that are promised to us if we obey God's commandments.

1. [John 15:10](#)
We will abide in Jesus' love.
2. [John 15:14](#)
We will be Jesus' friend.
3. [1 John 3:22](#)
We will receive that which we ask of Jesus.

B. To what does Jesus compare the life of a person who hears and obeys His Word? ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))

A wise man who has built his house upon a rock.

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V. Areas of Obedience



- In the typical relationships we face in our daily lives, i.e. as parents, children, employer, employee, wives, husbands, it becomes obvious that obedience isn't always easy.
- What does God expect when obedience is difficult?
- Obey anyway!

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V. Areas of Obedience



- We are similarly accountable to God in the way that we wield our authority over others; we can make it difficult for those who are accountable to God to obey us.
- How can parents make it difficult for their children to obey? [Colossians 3:21](#)
- How can husbands make it difficult for wives to submit? [Colossians 3:19](#)

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VI. Our Attitude Toward Obedience



- Every Christian Should Desire to Obey God.
Psalm 40:8
- We should want to submit ourselves to Christ's Lordship, viewing ourselves as obedient slaves of Christ – Eph 6:6
- Our obedience is the treasure of our hearts!
– Luke 6:45-46

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VII. Application



Issue: Does a person have to repent of their sin & yield to Christ's authority in order to be saved?

Is Christ Savior only – or is He Lord?

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VII. Application



- No Lordship View
 - Dr Charles Ryrie
 - “Repentance is a change of mind about Christ..”
 - “No turning from sin is required for salvation”
(So Great Salvation, pg 96,99).
 - “Submission to Christ's supreme authority as Lord is not germane to the saving transaction. Neither dedication nor willingness to be dedicated to Christ are issues in salvation.”
(So Great Salvation, Pg. 71-79)

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VII. Application



- **Lordship view: Dr John MacArthur**
 - “Repentance is not just a change of mind it is a change of heart. Repentance in the context of the new birth means turning from sin to the Savior”
 - “Repentance turns from sin to Christ and faith embraces Him as the only hope of salvation and righteousness.” (Faith Works, pg77)
 - The object of faith is Christ Himself, not only a creed or a promise (John 3:16). Faith therefore involves personal commitment to Christ (2 Cor. 5:15).

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