

A Heart of Obedience

I John 2:3-6

Introduction:

3 And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.*

I Corinthians 7:19 *Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.*

Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.*

I Corinthians 3:3 *for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?*

I Corinthians 5:11 *I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.*

I Corinthians 6:9 *Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

Romans 8:13 *if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Romans 6:17 *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,*

1. Starts with confident _____ shown in continual _____ to Christ v3

Hebrews 12:8 *if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

James 2:20 and 26 *faith without works is useless?... faith without works is dead.*

John 14:21 *He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."*

John 15:14 *You are My friends, if you do what I command you.*

I John 3:22 *whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.*

I John 5:3, *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

Luke 6:46 *why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?*

2. Includes an honest internal evaluation, seen in loving _____ to Christ which _____ the Word of God 4-5

A. Profession without obedience; the phony 4

Revelation 21:8 *But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*

Titus 1:16 *They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed*

B. Obedience flowing from love; the genuine 5

John 14:15 *If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

John 14:21 *He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.*

I John 4:19 *We love, because He first loved us.*

Romans 5:5 *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

3. Results in assurance of salvation where _____ matches _____ in a Christ-like lifestyle 6

John 14:23 *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.*

John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

Conclusion: An obedient heart is...

1. P_____ intertwined in Christ
2. P_____ obedience in every way
3. P_____ intimate with Christ
4. P_____ by the Holy Spirit to obey

Zechariah 4:6 *Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts*

Galatians 5:16, *walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh*

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5. P_____ by obedience to be God's true Child