

Lesson 6 Obedience

Obedience by Definition: " we are WILLING (eager, keen, enthusiastic, ready, prepared, and agreeable) to obey God and we will do EVERYTHING in our power to obey Him"

1. How is it that one can know **what exactly God is expecting of Him** according to the teachings of Jesus in St John 8:31? **Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

2. How am I to know who's right and whose wrong when people present different meanings as to what the Bible is saying to me according to?

a. John 7:14-18 **If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Be careful of the anything that sounds self seeking**

b. 1 Corinthians 2:6-13-16 **Every word we speak was taught to us by God's Spirit, not by human wisdom. And this same Spirit helps us teach spiritual things to spiritual people.^[b] ¹⁴ That's why only someone who has God's Spirit can understand spiritual blessings. Anyone who doesn't have God's Spirit thinks these blessings are foolish. ¹⁵ People who are guided by the Spirit can make all kinds of judgments, but they cannot be judged by others. ¹⁶ The Scriptures ask, "Has anyone ever known the thoughts of the Lord or given him advice?" But we understand what Christ is thinking.^[c]**

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Corinthians 2:13](#) *teach spiritual things to spiritual people: Or "compare spiritual things with spiritual things."* Scripture to Scripture
- b. [1 Corinthians 2:16](#) *we understand what Christ is thinking: Or "we think as Christ does."*

- Creation verses Evolution
- Does Christians have to ask forgiveness all the time?
 - Women in Ministry
 - Does God love homosexuals?
- Who has authority in the Church, the marriage and community?

c. **Isaiah 8:19-22** - Read this entire chapter (Biblegateway.com the Message Version)

3. How can we know THE TRUTH of any matter according to St. John 8:31 &32?

a. What will knowing and obeying the truth, do for us according to verse 32? **"Make us free" NIV "Set you free" Set means to put us in a position of freedom.**

b. Who is The Truth according to St. John 14:1-6? **Jesus Christ**

c. Ultimately The Truth is who according to St. John 10:22-30? **God, for the Father and the Son are One.**

4. Therefore according to St. John 14:15-21b, Obedience is summed up how? Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.

a. Is there a promise to us for being obedient in verse 21? **Yes**

b. If so, what is it? **The one who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love them and show myself to them.”**

5. Should I ask myself continually as to whether or not I LOVE the LORD? Because I don't ever want my flesh to overpower my spirit, I should.

6. If I love Him, according to St. John 15:1-7 what two things should I do? Remain in Christ, and allow His Word to remain in me.

a. Is there a promise to me, according to St. John 15:7b for being obedient? **Yes**

7. According to St. John 14:23-27 who does every believer have to assist them in understanding and confirming God's will for our lives? The Advocate (Comforter and Supporter), or the Holy Spirit.

8. Why wouldn't someone hear and obey God according to St. John 8:47b? Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

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A Closing Word on Obedience:

The theme of Obedience is centered on us actually doing what God has instructed us to do, which is far greater than just hearing!

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit St. John 14

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[s] in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I

am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹**Whoever has my commands and keeps them** is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”