

LOVE OF CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

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Topic: Obedience: A Reflection of True Christian

INTRODUCTION

We want to extensively discuss a topical subject that makes Christianity or followers of Christ different from all other religions. In Christianity, there is no partial obedience, but what God wants is absolute obedience in all things we do, the way we relate, and the way we serve God, we are to obey God to the letter. From Andrew Murray, he opines that Bible begins with obedience and ends with it. *When there is obedience, there is sincerity. Any act of disobedience is a reflection of a life that is ruled by self.*

Obedience defined

Obedience is an act or instance of submitting to an authority. It is compliance with the demands or requests of someone over us. The general words for obedience in both Hebrew and Greek refer to hearing a superior authority. One Greek word that is translated “obedience” includes the idea of submission to authority in the sense of arranging or ordering oneself under someone in a place of command. Another Greek word suggests obedience that is a result more of persuasion than of submission.

Why do people disobey God and authority? -----

Permit me to enumerate God’s response to disobedience?

1. Disobedience receives God’s judgment. (Rom. 5: 12-21)
2. God defines disobedience as sin. (Num. 20: 22: 1 Sam. 15: 23)
3. Disobedience can limit future opportunities. (Deut. 3: 23-28)
4. Disobedience can sometimes lead to death. (1 Chron. 13:10; 1kings 13: 20-24 Heb. 10:31)
5. Disobedience can cause rejection from God. (1Sam. 16:1)
6. Disobedience can lead to destruction. (Jonah 1:4, 5)
7. Sometimes, disobedience of someone can make innocent person partake from the punishment of God. (Jonah 1:4, 5)

To know someone is an obedient child of God, check the following:

1. Obedience must be from the heart. (Deut.11: 13; Rom. 6: 17)
2. Obedience must come from a willing heart not by compulsion. (Ps. 18: 44; Is. 1:19)
3. Obedience must be unreserved. (Jos. 22: 2, 3)
4. Obedience must be undeviating (Deut. 28: 14)
5. Obedience must be constant. (Phil. 2: 12)

We shall close with the word of Andrew Murray that says ***defective obedience is always the result of a defective life.*** To rouse and spur on that defective life by arguments and motives has its use, but their chief blessing must be that they make us feel the need of a different life, a life so entirely under the power of God that obedience will be its natural outcome. The defective life, the life of broken and irregular fellowship with God, must be healed, and make way for a full and healthy life; then full obedience will become possible. ***The secret of a true obedience is the return to close and continual fellowship with God.***

The study continues...