

# LOVE OF CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH

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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

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**Text:** John 14:23

**Topic:** Obedience: A Reflection of True Christian

## INTRODUCTION

We laid a strong foundation in our previous teaching that obedience comes from the heart, and it comes from a willing heart to obey instructions. It is noted that the opposite of obedience is disobedience, and we equally explained the response of God to disobedience. For an in depth teaching and knowledge of this topical subject, we shall underscore obedience and disobedience together so as to know the efficacy of obedience to God.

Let me put this statement down: obedience to God is the whole duty of a man (Eccl. 12:13; Deut. 27: 9b, 10); man needs to obey God wholeheartedly (Deut. 26: 16; Ps. 119; 34); it is expected of man to obey God in all things (Deut. 5: 32; 2Kings 22: 2)

## How Does God View Disobedience?

1. Disobedience is seen as rebellion in God's sight (1 Sam. 15: 23)
2. Disobedience is seen as foolishness (Matt. 5:26, 27)
3. Disobedience is seen as unseriousness (James 1: 23, 24)

## Various Ways of Disobedience

1. Merely agreeing is not enough, and it cannot be seen as obedience (Ez. 33: 30-33; Matt 21: 28-31b; Luke 6: 46).
2. Good works are not substitute for obedience (1 Sam. 15:22; Jer. 22, 23; Matt. 7: 22, 23)
3. Half-hearted obedience is not obedience (2 Chron. 25: 2; Jer. 3: 10; Acts 5: 1-11)

## Reasons for Disobedience

1. Deception brings disobedience (Gen. 3: 13; 1Kings 13: 1-26; Gal. 3:1)
2. Having a better idea leads to disobedience (1 Sam. 15: 2-15; Prov. 3: 5, 6)
3. Lack of love for other results to disobedience (Jonah 1: 1-3, 4:2; 1 John 3:16, 17)
4. The fear of man leads to disobedience (1 Sam. 15: 24; Prov. 29: 25; Jer. 38:17-20)
5. Lack of faith in the word is another reason for disobedience (Gen. 3: 1-6; Gen. 19: 14; 1Pet. 2: 7, 8)
6. Being distracted by less important things upshots to disobedience (1 Kings 20: 39, 40; Luke 14: 15-24)
7. The quest for material gain leads to disobedience (1 Kings 20: 29-34; 2 Kings 5: 14-16)
8. Obviously, pride is also root of disobedience (2 Chron. 26: 14-20; 3John 9, 10)
9. Lastly, allowing disobedience to become a habit (Jer. 22: 21; 3: 25)

Let me close today's teaching with the word of Andrew Murray, it says that Jesus discovered in the Scripture God's plan and path for Him, and marked it out. He gave Himself to fulfill it. It was in and with the use of God's Word that He received the Father's continual direct teaching. In God's school of obedience the Bible is the only text-book. That shows us the disposition in which we are to come to the Bible—with the simple desire in it to find what is written concerning us as to God's will, and to do it.

Scripture was not written to increase our knowledge but to guide our conduct; 'that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' 'If any man will do, he shall know.' Learn from Christ to consider all there is in Scripture of the revelation of God, and His love, and His counsel, as simply auxiliary to God's great end: that the man of God may be fitted to do His will, as it is done in heaven; that man may be restored to that perfect obedience on which God's heart is set, and which alone is blessedness.

In God's school of obedience God's Word is the only text-book. To apply that Word in His own life and conduct, to know when each different portion was to be taken up and carried out, Christ needed and received a divine teaching. It is He who speaks in Isaiah, 'The Lord God wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth Mine ear to hear as the learned; the Lord God hath opened My ear.

***The study continues...***