

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

Reasons for disobedience were taught in our last discourse, can we mention few points raised? Today, we shall discuss Jesus' obedience, and have full concentration on these verses of the Scripture. It reads, "Through the obedience of the One shall all the many be made righteous.... Know ye not that ye are servants of obedience unto righteousness?" —Rom. 5:19; 6:16.

It is needful to stress that Jesus earns that the love of the Father through obedience. (John. 14: 21). Andre Murray presents Christ obedience to us in the following ways.

1. ***In Christ this obedience was a life principle.*** Obedience with Him did not mean a single act of obedience now and then, not even a series of acts, but the spirit of His whole life. 'I came, not to do My own will.' 'Lo, I come, to do Thy will, O God.' He had come into the world for one purpose. He only lived to carry out God's will. The one supreme, all-controlling power of His life was obedience. Tell us the passage (Heb. 10:7)
2. ***In Christ this obedience was a joy.*** 'I delight to do Thy will, O God.' 'My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me. Supply the text (Ps. 40:7, 8)
3. ***In Christ this obedience led to a waiting on God's will.*** God did not reveal all His will to Christ at once, but day by day, according to the circumstances of the hour. In His life of obedience there was growth and progress; the most difficult lesson came the last. Each act of obedience fitted Him for the new discovery of the Father's further command. He spake, 'Mine ears hast Thou opened; I delight to do Thy will, O God. Locate the passage (Heb. 10: 5-7)
4. ***In Christ this obedience was unto death.*** When He spake, 'I came not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me,' He was ready to go all lengths in denying His own will and doing the Father's. He meant it. 'In nothing My will; at all costs God's will.' (John 6: 38, 39)
5. ***In Christ this obedience sprang from the deepest humility.*** 'Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who emptied Himself—who took the form of a servant—who humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death. Fix the passage (Phil. 2:5-8)
6. ***In Christ this obedience was of faith—in entire dependence upon God's strength.*** 'I can do nothing of Myself.' 'The Father that dwelleth in Me doeth the works.' Suggest the reference (John 5: 19, 30)

Let's ruminare on the words of marble of Andre Murray, and this will help us to strengthen the meaning of obedience to see it as a necessity for living an acceptable life not an optional to living.

1. All our attempts after full obedience will be failures until we get access to His abiding fellowship. It is God's holy presence, consciously abiding with us, that keeps us from disobeying Him.
2. The life of continual obedience is impossible without continual fellowship and continual teaching.
3. The measure of surrender to full obedience will be the measure of confidence toward God.

However, let me conclude today's teaching with this submission: a soul that is in full earnest and has taken the vow of full obedience may grow out of a feeble obedience into a fuller one. But there is no growing out of disobedience into obedience. A turning back, a turning away, a decision, a crisis, is needed. And that only comes by the very definite insight into what has been wrong, and its confession with shame and penitence. Then alone will the soul seek for that divine and mighty cleansing from all its filthiness which prepares for the consciousness of the gift of the new heart, and God's Spirit in it causing us to walk in His statutes. If you would hope to lead a different life, to become a man or a woman of a Christ like obedience unto death, do begin by beseeching God for the Holy Spirit of conviction, to show you all your disobedience and to lead you in humble confession to the cleansing God has provided. Rest not till you have received it.

The study continues...