

# 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

Highlights from the last discourse are: Christ's obedience was a life principle, was a joy, and was premised on God's will. Mention the rest, and probably share what you gained from the previous teaching. Today's teaching will delve into obedience through faith. Let's read Heb. 11: 8. By faith Abraham obeyed. The land of promised set before us is a blessed life of obedience. Andrew Murray suggests five ways obedience by faith works:

1. ***Faith sees it.*** Faith can see the invisible and the impossible. Gaze on the vision until your heart says: 'It must be true. It is true. There is a life promised I have never yet known.'
2. ***Faith desires it.*** There can be no strong faith without strong desire. Desire is the great motive-power in the universe. It was God's desire to save us moved HIM to send His Son. It is desire that moves one to study and work and suffer. It is alone the desire for salvation that brings a sinner to Christ. It is the desire for God, and the closest possible fellowship with Him, the desire to be just what He would have us be, and to have as much of His will as possible, that will make the promised land attractive to us. It is this will make us forsake everything to get our full share in the obedience of Christ.
3. ***Faith expects it.*** The life of obedience is no longer an unattainable ideal held out by God, to make us strive at least to get a little nearer it, but is become a reality, meant for the life in flesh and blood here on earth. Expect it, as most certainly meant for you. Expect God to make it true.
4. ***Faith accepts it.*** Faith has the wondrous God-given power of saying, 'I accept, I take, I have. Accept it, the grace for this wondrous new life of obedience; accept it now. Without this your act of consecration will come to little. Without this your purpose to try and be more obedient must fail. Has not God shown you that there is an entirely new position for you to take—a possible position of simple childlike obedience, day by day, to every command His voice speaks to you through the Spirit: a possible position of simple childlike dependence on and experience of His all-sufficient grace, day by day, for every command He gives.
5. ***Faith trusts Christ for all.*** We have seen more than once how His whole redemption, as He effected it, is nothing but obedience. As He communicates it, it is still the same. He gives us the spirit of obedience as the spirit of our life. This spirit comes to us each moment through Him. He Himself keeps charge of our obedience. There is none under heaven but what He has and gives and works. He offers Himself to us as surety for its maintenance, and asks us to trust Him for it. It is in Jesus Himself all our fears are

removed, all our needs supplied, all our desires met. As He the righteous One is your righteousness, He the obedient One is your obedience.

**HEAR THIS TRUTHS**

1. The step out of disobedience to obedience is by surrender to Christ.
2. True and full obedience is impossible, except as we live and love.

**Reflections:**

1. Obedience is costly, Discuss
2. Disobedience is costly, Discuss

*The study continues...*