

A LIFE of OBEDIENCE

WALKING WORTHY part 1--A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE, Philippians 2:12

Introduction

Acts 2:23 "This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

Acts 16:31 "They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"

Philippians 2:12,13 "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Philippians 1:27 "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

1-Pursuing Christ as your _____ *So then*

Philippians 2:8 "Christ... humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Luke 4:1 "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ... led around by the Spirit in the wilderness **18** 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.'"

Acts 10:38 "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power."

Ephesians 5:18b "Be filled with the Spirit."

2-Remembering you are always _____ *my beloved*

3-Embracing the _____ of obedience *just as you have always obeyed*

1 John 2:4 "The one who says, 'I have come to know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Titus 1:16 "They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him." Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

1 They are disobedient awaiting God's discipline, OR

2 They are deceived awaiting God's damnation

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

2 Timothy 3:15 "... that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

Matthew 15:8 "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me."

Romans 6:17 "Thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed."

4-Examining your life for _____ -MOTIVATED obedience

not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,

5-Continuing to act in obedience, _____ Salvation

work out your salvation

1st Work out your salvation is _____ obedient living

1 Timothy 6:11-12 "But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called,

2nd Work out your salvation is _____ obedience to the end

1 Timothy 4:16 "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

John 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

John 10:28-29 "I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

6-Pursuing sanctification with a *life or death* _____

with fear and trembling

Hebrews 12:6 "FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

ROMANS 7:24 "WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM! WHO WILL SET ME FREE FROM THE BODY OF THIS DEATH?"

Hebrews 12:14 "Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord."

TAKE HOME:

- A. All Christians _____ actions of obedience, regardless of whether they feel like it or not
- B. Do not seek to humanly resolve the _____
- C. Sanctification is both fleeing sin and _____ Christ
- D. Only the genuinely _____ can obey Christ
- E. Godliness requires _____; get after it

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS--BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-See if you can make sense of and connect Paul's argument from 1:27, 2:1-4, 2:5-11 and now 2:12 and 13?
- 2-Why is obedience so important in the New Testament, and why is obedience so optional with Christians today?
- 3-Why is it important knowing Christ is our example and we are loved by Christ, with our obedience to the Word?
- 4-Explain in your own words practically, what does it mean to WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION?
- 5-Why is it crucial to not allow 'God is 100% sovereign' and 'Christians are 100% responsible' to be modified in anyway?
- 6-Why is pursuing sanctification so serious? What area of obedience to God's Word should you immediately pursue?

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