

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

- A. Context – Write the main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. (Hint ~ In whom does the true Christian believe? Who does the true Christian love? What does the true Christian obey?)

- B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

- C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

- D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. The true Christian God's word.

2. The true Christian the world.

Introduction Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The true Christian God's word.

Obeying God is both a _____ and a _____!

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about the believer's obedience.)

a. _____ embraced

b. _____ confirmed

c. _____ displayed

d. _____ expressed

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ Fill in the blanks based on what you have learned.)

_____ God in His command to repent and believe.

_____ in expressing your love to God through obedience.

_____ on why obeying God's word is not burdensome.

"I delight to do Your will, O my God;

Your law is within my heart."

Psalm 40:8

Point 1 Scripture References

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B. Point 2: The true Christian the world.

What phrase “bookends” verses 1-5? (What phrase appears in verse 1 and again in verse 5?) _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about overcoming the world.)

a. The _____ of overcoming

b. The _____ of overcoming

c. The _____ to overcoming

d. The _____ in overcoming

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ What is the only way to overcome the world?)

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

Consider these two responses for the *believer*:

_____ in the confident victory that is yours in Christ!

_____ in the calm victory that is yours in Christ!

Consider this response for the *unbeliever*:

_____ to the victory that can be yours in Christ!



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

Why is obeying God's Word not burdensome to the believer?

1. Because the believer truly loves God:
1 Jn 4:19; 5:3; 2 Jn 6; Jn 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 Pet 1:8
Illustration: Jacob laboring another 7 years for Rachel, but it was to him as only a few days because he loved her (Gen 29:20)
2. Because the believer is loved by God:
1 Jn 3:1-3, 16; 4:11, 4:18-19; 2 Cor 5:14-15; Gal 2:20
Illustration: the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-24) went from hating the Father to loving the Father, in large part, because of the love of the Father (cf. Rom 2:4)
3. Because the believer now desires to please God:
1 Jn 3:22; Mt 6:10; Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 5:9; Col 1:10; 1 Thess 4:1
Illustration: The greatest desire of Christ was doing the will of the Father (Jn 4:34; 5:30; 8:29 cf. Lk 22:42 & Phil 2:5-8)
4. Because the believer is now empowered to obey God:
Rom 6:1-23; Phil 1:6; 2:12-13; 1 Jn 2:29; Heb 8:10 cf. Ezek 36:26-27
Illustration: before Christ there is an inability to submit to God with an inability then to please God (Rom 8:7-8)
5. Because the believer now knows God's Word is all good and brings only what is truly good:
Ps 1:1-6; 19:7-11; 119:11, 47-48, 72, 97, 105, 127, 140, 159, 165, 167

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: