

The Benefits of Obedience



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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

From the Series,
"Authentic Trust"

*1 John 5:1-5
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1. The Source For Our Power To Obey God (1a)

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God..."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15,17

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Romans 8:12-14

"We are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

Ephesians 2:10

"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Romans 6:16-18

"Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness."

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2. The Transformation Through Our Obedience To God (1b-3)

- a. Genuine love for others (1b) - "...and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him."
- b. Recognizing the authority of God (2) - "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."
- c. Trusting the heart of God (3) - "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

The potential resistance to obeying God is removed when we are changed to trust the One who which originated the command.

3. The Victory In Our Obedience To God (4-5)

- a. The entry into this victory (4a) - "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world..."
- b. The cooperation in this victory (4b) - "And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith."
- c. The recipients of this victory (5) - "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Past triumph => Progressive triumph => Permanent triumph