

Love & Light Slide

Week 3: The World Needs Our Obedience

Sprung from Love

What happens after we learn to confess our sins? We learn to walk away from sin and walk into obedience sprung from love.

Our Advocate

Verse 1 reminds us that since we are not sinless even though forgiven, we have the advocacy of Jesus always before the Father for us in heaven.

Verse 2 reminds us that our justification is not only ours, but is also freely offered to others- the world. Atonement is made, forgiveness is offered.

Our Assurance

Verses 3-6 tell us how we can be sure we know God in truth. Our assurance springs from our obedience because we love Him!

What you do is a test of what you are

Jesus said you will know a tree by its fruit (Matt. 7:20). Paul asked if we should keep on sinning so more grace can flow, “Never!” (Romans 6:2). James asked if dead faith or demon faith could be saving faith, no! Faith by nature will produce good works (James 2:17).

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Listen to 1 John 3:10 from 3 different translations:

Anyone who does not live righteously...does not belong to God (NLT)

Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child (NIV)

Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God (NKJV)

Live their lives as Jesus did

John remembers what he witnessed one day at the Temple as Jesus was teaching (John 8:1-11). The Pharisees brought a woman caught in the act of adultery and asked Jesus if they should stone her. They all slipped away until only Jesus was left. “Woman where are your accusers... has no one condemned you? Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

If we will confess our sins, we will know the exact point in our lives where we are called rather to obedience. That's where God's blessing is.

Our obedience must flow out of who we are as God's children, and those who love Him.

Let us recapture the biblical joy of obedience and see it as the key to the abundant life Jesus promised and points us to!