

Sermon Discussion Questions: John 15 | Abiding is Obeying

November 13-14, 2021

Compelled Church, Pastor Nate Elarton

1. Read John 15.9-17

- What are some of your observations?
- What is repeated?
- How do you think Jesus is saying this?

2. Pastor Nate said this statement a few times

WE are saved by faith, but we are remain in Christ's love by obeying His Principles.

Why is this so very true?

3. Read 15.10 and what is the If/then principle Jesus taught?

4. In context of John 15.1-12 What has Jesus been "commanding"?

5. Abiding in Christ, and remaining in Him, takes effort to be intentional with our lives and to examen. Below is the prayer of Examen. Have you done this ever? What is your experience?

Ignatius Prayer of Examen

1. Thanksgiving

2. Ask the Holy Spirit to show disobedience and when we were out of Christ's love.

3. Examen thoughts, words, motives, with the help.

4. Ask for forgiveness, mercy, pardon.

5. Look to tomorrow for resolve, grace, love, and faith.

This prayer available out in the lobby at the Welcome Center

6. How could a practice of this prayer and time with Jesus be transforming to our lives?

7. Read 15.10. How has someone "laid their life down" for you? How can we do this daily? With our family? With the mission of God?

8. Read 15. 15. What does being a friend of God mean to you. Think about this? What is the daily realities of being a friend of God and not a slave? Do you think most people seem themselves as friends or slaves?

We obey Jesus out of Friendship, slaves obey their masters out of fear.

Close in prayer and thanksgiving

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John 15.9-17 NASB

Disobedience and Obedience in the Bible

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1. If/Then (v. 10) Conditional Statements.

The key to abiding in Christ is to obey. Obey the Commands (gr. entolay= mandate, ordinance).

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2. Obeying Christ's command to love (vv. 10-13)

How do we lay our lives down?

If we are going to see fruit in the Great Commission we must live the Great Commandment (Mark 12.29-31).

3. Jesus makes us friends not slaves (vv. 14-17)

- Greek Philos "friends" *Close association, devoted, devoted to*, No longer "doulas"
- To be a friend of God?
- *"This I command you, that you love one another."* (John 15:17, NASB95)

What has God been calling you to obey?

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Challenge: Pray the Prayer of Examen for 7 evenings straight