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Christ
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Gospel Of John Series – 90

LOVE THAT LISTENS

“The Inseparable Connection Between Love and Obedience”

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” — John 14:15

INTRODUCTION

True love for Christ is proven not by profession, but by obedience.

1. THE PRIORITY OF LOVE - “If you love Me...”

Jesus begins not with rules, but with relationship.

- ***Love Is the Foundation of Discipleship***

Christian obedience does not start with effort—it starts with affection.

- ***Love is not optional in the Christian life—it is essential.***

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...” - Matthew 22:37

- ***Love Is Personal, Not Abstract***

Jesus does not say, “If you love truth” or “If you love righteousness.”

*He says, “If you love **Me.**”*

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. THE PROOF OF OBEDIENCE - “...you will keep My commandments.”

Jesus gives us the evidence of love.

- Obedience Is the Fruit, Not the Root**

Obedience does not create love—love produces obedience.

This protects us from two dangerous errors:

- **Legalism:** Obedience without love
- **License:** Love claimed without obedience

- Obedience Is Comprehensive, Not Selective**

Jesus says “*My commandments*”—plural.

3. THE PATTERN OF RELATIONSHIP

Love → Obedience → Abiding Fellowship

Jesus is not describing a transaction—He is describing a relationship pattern.

- Love Leads to Obedience**

“*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.*” - 1 John 5:3

- Obedience Leads to Fellowship**

“*Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me... and I will manifest myself to him.*” - John 14:21

Obedience does not earn Christ’s presence—but it enjoys it.

4. THE POWER FOR OBEDIENCE - ¹⁶*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,*

- Obedience Is Spirit-Empowered, Not Self-Generated**

“*For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*”

Philippians 2:13

- Love Grows Where the Spirit Dwells**

- ❖ He reminds us of Christ
- ❖ He magnifies Christ
- ❖ He conforms us to Christ

5. THE PASTORAL WARNING AND PROMISE

- A Warning Against Empty Profession**

It is possible to say “Lord” and yet live in disobedience.

“*Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?*” - Luke 6:46

- A Promise of Joyful Relationship**

Obedience rooted in love leads to joy, not bondage.

“*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*” - John 15:11