

Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 6 4:10 p.m.
Breakout Lecture Session Auditorium

Lord, Teach Us to Obey Jeff Jenkins

“For I always do those things that please Him” (John 8:29). Obedience characterized the life of Jesus from beginning to end—before He came to the earth, as a Child in the home of Joseph and Mary, at His baptism, in His suffering, even to the point of death. The fact that Jesus had to learn obedience magnifies the importance of us learning to obey, for there is no salvation without obedience.

Introduction

1. Our Lord’s primary purpose for coming to this earth was to die up on the cross.
 - a. “Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51).
 - b. “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up” (John 3:14).
 - c. “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself” (John 12:32, 47).
2. Our Lord also came to this earth to show us how to live.
 - a. “For you have been called to this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His footsteps” (1 Pet. 2:21).
 - b. “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1).
 - c. “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Jesus Christ” (Phil. 2:5).
 - d. “My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you” (Gal. 4:19).

I. We Must Receive the Call of the Gospel

- A. The Apostle Paul reminded the Roman Christians that their freedom came when they “became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching...” (Rom. 6:17).
- B. “Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16).
- C. No doubt Paul thought back to the time in his own life when he received the call of obedience (Acts 22:16).

- D. “Since you have in obedience to the Truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart” (1 Pet. 1:22).

II. We Must Obey the Commands of the Gospel

- A. “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15).
- B. “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).

III. We Must Sound Forth the Cry of the Gospel

- A. Romans 1:15-17
 1. “I Am Ready...”
 2. “... To preach the gospel...”
- B. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:18-20).
 1. Availability
 2. Attitudes of evangelism
 3. Accepting the authority of Jesus in our lives
 4. Active obedience (Going, Teaching, Baptizing)
 5. Amazing power
- C. “...Immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them” (Acts 16:10).

Conclusion

1. Time in prayer is needed greatly to assist us in our obedience to our Lord.
2. Obedience will help us become more like Jesus.
 - a. “For I always do those things that please Him” (John 8:29).
 - b. “We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no man can work” (John 9:4).



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