

ROMANS: PART 43
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Thoughts On Religious Experience in The Late 20th Century
Romans 6-8

True Obedience Comes With Confidence Of God's Love & Acceptance

1. Adoption (sonship) is the context of your sanctification. Rom 8:14-25.
2. You either obey out of love, confidence & security or you obey out of fear & lifeless legalism
3. If you're not confident of His love for you, how can you lovingly serve Him? I Jn 3:1; 4:10,19.
4. Remember the Prodigal Son of Luke 15.

True Obedience Is Motivated By Love For God

1. Cultivate the desire to see as God sees. What do I owe Him? What do I owe my brothers?
2. Does what I do & say on the outside reflect what I truly am (in God's eyes) on the inside?
3. Cultivate an appreciation of God's rule, kindness, love, wisdom.

True Obedience Comes Through Faith In God Alone

1. Without faith you cannot please Him. Heb 11:6.
2. Faith is in what God has revealed through Scripture. Rom 10:17
3. God's exposition of Christian living is *God-focused & God centered* (Rom 6-8).
4. Your conscience must be bound to Him alone, though you serve & honor others. I Cor 4:3,4.
5. As long as your conscience is bound to people (even status-quo Christianity) you will never be completely free to be *taught of God*.

True Obedience Is Specific Obedience To His Commandments

1. God's commands run deeply. Ps 19:7-14; 119:96. They are spiritual. Rom 7:12.
2. Godly people meditate on them. Ps 1:1-2; Ps 119:18; 33-38.
3. God's commands apply to *you* -- today!
4. God's commands must become your food & drink. Ps 119:81-82; Mt 5:6.

True Obedience Desires God's Honor Above All Else

1. God calls you to reflect His holiness in your life. I Pet 1:13-17, 2:9,12; Mt 5:48
2. God calls you to honor Him with all you life. I Cor 10:31; Col 3:17.
3. If you do not honor God, you honor yourself. This God will not allow. I Sam 2:12-17,29; 4:18.