

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 to 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.