

OBEDIENCE

TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT OBEDIENCE. THE LORD LAID THIS ON MY HEART WEEKS AGO AND I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO ALL OF US. THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO ADDRESS WHEN TALKING ABOUT OBEDIENCE IS IDENTITY. ARE WE TRULY BEING OBEDIENT TO WHO GOD SAYS WE ARE? WHO ARE WE REALLY? YOU SEE, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD OUR WHOLE LIVES THAT WE “ARE” THIS AND WE “ARE” THAT.

NAME OFF SOME IDENTITY STUFF....TATTOOS, CONVICT, DRUG ADDICT, PUNK ROCKER, ALPHA MALE. FEMME(ultra sensitive), FRENCHIE LOVER..

Ephesians 2:11-16

New American Standard Bible 1995

¹¹ Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” *which is performed in the flesh by human hands*— ¹² *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, ^[a]excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off ^[b]have been brought near ^[c]by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the ^[d]barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ ^[e]by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances*, so that in Himself He might ^[f]make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, ^[g]by it having put to death the enmity.

WE ARE DAMAGED... PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND SEXUALLY BECAUSE OF SIN. WE MUST CRUCIFY EVERYTHING ABOUT OURSELVES...INCLUDING OUR SEXUALITY

THE TRUTH IS....I'M A CHILD OF GOD FIRST AND FOREMOST.....AND SO ARE YOU....ANOTHER TRUTH IS THAT I'VE BEEN BORN AND RAISED IN A PAGAN SATANIC SYSTEM, I HAVE BEEN LITERALLY TAUGHT TO WORSHIP IDOLS THAT DRAW ME AWAY FROM GOD AND MY TRUE GOD GIVEN IDENTITYAND SO HAVE YOU

SO WHO ARE WE?

[Genesis 1:27](#)NASB 1995

God created man in His own **image**, in the **image of God** He created him; male and female He created them.

GOD MADE US AND HE DOESN'T MAKE MISTAKES
THEREFORE, WE WERE PERFECT SPIRITUAL BEINGS...THEN WE WERE BORN...SIN ENTERS IMMEDIATELY AND WE BEGIN OUR JOURNEY IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

DEVINE/DEMONIC INFLUENCE DAILY

EVEN IF YOU WERE RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME, YOU HAD PAGAN PRACTICES AND RITUALS. YOU, LIKE ME, THOUGHT "THIS IS NORMAL". "THIS IS JUST WHAT WE DO"

FOR A LONG TIME I THOUGHT ABORTION WAS NORMAL, SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS WAS NORMAL, BEING SELFISH AND GREEDY WAS NORMAL, BEING VIOLENT WAS NORMAL.

THE BEAST HAS DRAWN US AWAY FROM GOD

I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE US TODAY. THE TRUTH IS A HARD LINE THAT CAN NOT BE MOVED. MANKIND HAS CONTINUOUSLY TRIED TO “BEND” AND “FUDGE” THIS HARDLINE OF TRUTH.....WE TRY TO MAKE THE TRUTH ACCOMMODATE OUR NEEDS INSTEAD OF MAKING OUR NEEDS ACCOMMODATE THE TRUTH

1 John 1:5-10

NASB 1995

God Is Light

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

GOD IS LIGHT...PURE TRANSPARANCY...PURE TRUTH...PURE VISION...PURE CLARITY...PURE IDENTITY...PURE LOVE...PURE HOLINESS...PURE LIFE...PURE ULTIMATE POWER

THERE IS A BATTLE GOING ON BETWEEN FLESH AND SPIRIT
HOW OFTEN DO WE FIND OURSELVES LIARS?

THE TEMPTATION TO FEED THE FLESH AND WALK IN DARKNESS
HAPPENS IN A SERIES OF MOMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
DAY...ISOLATION...LYING...DECEPTIVE BEHAVIOR, BACKBITING, GOSSIP,
SLANDER, GREED, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, AND HATE, PUTTING MY FAITH
IN THE SYSTEM BEFORE MY FAITH IN GOD'S WORD

THE "FIGHT" IS GOING AGAINST THE FLESH AND FEEDING THE SPIRIT.
WALKING IN THE LIGHT:

CONFESS YOUR SINS, TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF IT HURTS, BE GENEROUS
NO MATTER WHAT, BE LOVING NO MATTER WHAT, SPEAK POSITIVE
WORDS OF AFFIRMATION TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS.....PUTTING
YOUR FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORD... NOT THE SYSTEM

1 Peter 1:13-16

New American Standard Bible 1995

¹³ Therefore, [a]prepare your minds for action, [b]keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace [c]to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As [d]obedient children, do not [e]be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but [f]like the Holy One who called you, [g]be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

EVERYDAY WE MUST PREPARE OUR MINDS FOR BATTLE...PRAYER IS
GOOD FOR THAT...READING THE WORD IS GOOD FOR
THAT...MEDITATION AND WORSHIP ARE GOOD FOR THAT...FELLOWSHIP
IS GOOD FOR THAT...WALKING IN THE LIGHT BECAUSE OUR IDENTITY IS
A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

DO YOU KNOW THAT IT IS THE REVELATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST THAT CHANGES US?...GOD ALREADY SPOKE AND ALREADY WROTE DOWN EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW. YET HIS WORD CONTINUES TO BRING FRESH REVELATION TO HIS PEOPLE CONSTANTLY AND CONSISTANTLY....GOD ALREADY DID IT ALL THROUGH THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS...THE REST IS UP TO US...WE MUST SEARCH, SEEK, KNOCK, ASK, LOOK, LISTEN, READ, AND PRAY

VERSE 14 TELLS YOU YOUR IDENTITY...OBEDIENT CHILDREN TO THE HOLY ONE WHO CALLED YOU....BE LIKE HIM...ITS OUR TRUE WHEELHOUSE WHERE WE TRULY FLOURISH...THERE IS REWARD IN OBEDIENCE...TRUE RESURRECTED LIFE IN CHRIST IS REVEALED AND FOUND IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD AND HIS WAYS

WE MUST FORSAKE THE WORLD SYSTEM AND RESIST THE TEMPTATION FROM THE BEAST...YOU CAN'T HAVE BOTH

Romans 6:16-18

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¹⁶ 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 ^[a]resulting in death, or of obedience ^[b]resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that ^[c]though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

ALL SHEEP FOLLOW A SHEPARD

CHRIST MUST HELP US....WE CAN'T SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOW HIM WITHOUT HIM

John 15:4-5

New American Standard Bible 1995

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit ^[a] of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE A SPIRIT IN A BODY....SPIRIT & FLESH...HEAVILY INFLUENCED THROUGH YOUR EYE GATE AND EAR GATE...WE FEED OURSELVES THROUGH THESE "GATES" OF ENTRY TO OUR SOUL

DOES THE TEMPTATION TO TURN ON THAT PAGAN BOX IN YOUR LIVING ROOM THAT FILLS YOU WITH PROPAGANDA FROM THE BEAST OUTWAY YOUR DESIRE TO SEEK GOD? NETFLIX AND CHILL OR JESUS AND GROW? THE CHOICE WILL ALWAYS BE OURS...LIFE OR DEATH

ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION, "DOES MY LIFE AND MY ROUTINE SHOW EVIDENCE OF MY SALVATION?"

1 John 2:3-6

New American Standard Bible 1995

³ By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

THIS IS NOT ABOUT BEING SIN CONCIIOUS...THIS IS ABOUT BEING SON CONCIIOUS....A MIND OF CHRIST.....A CHRIST CONCIIOUSNESS...ABIDING

IN HIM YOU BECOME LIKE HIM....THE MORE YOU SEARCH FOR HIM, THE MORE YOU WILL FIND HIM....HE SAVES HIS RICHES FOR THOSE WHO SEARCH FOR THEM...THEY ARE A MYSTERY TO MOST...EVEN IN THE CHURCH UNFORTUNATELY

FEED YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY WITH THE WORD AND WORSHIP...HE IS FAITHFUL TO SHOW HIMSELF

THERE IS A DEATH THAT IS OCCURRING WITHIN YOU WHILE THERE IS A RESSURECTION HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME

YOU CAN LIVE IN THE RESSURECTED LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST AT ANY MOMENT OF ANY DAY....EVEN IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE...EVERY MORNING WHEN YOU WAKE UP..YOU ARE A CHILD OF THE ONE TRUE GOD..KING OF ALL KINGS AND LORD OF ALL LORDS...YOU ARE BLESSED AND HIGHLY FAVORED...YOU ARE FULLY EQUIPPED FOR ANYTHING GOD HAS FOR YOU...YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BLESS, DELIVER, AND BUILD IN THE NAME OF JESUS

TAKE EVERY THOUGHT INTO THE CAPTIVITY OF WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY IN GOD'S WORD...YOU HAVE AUTHORITY

1 John 5:1-5

New American Standard Bible 1995

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the ^[a]Christ is ^[b]born of God, and whoever loves the ^[c]Father loves the *child* ^[d]born of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and ^[e]observe His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is ^[f]born of God overcomes the world; and

this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

FAITH IN THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS AND OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDS IS EVIDENCE OF THE RESSURECTED LIFE PROMISED IN CHRIST FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE

HE HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD THEREFORE SO HAVE WE STOP PUTTING SO MUCH STOCK IN THE "HERE AND NOW" START LOOKING INTO THE THINGS OF GOD WHICH ARE ETERNAL HIS WAYS AND HIS WORD WILL ALWAYS BE RELEVANT AND ACTIVE

HIS WAYS ARE NOT BURDENSOME...THEY BLESS AND BUILD..OVERCOME AND SUSTAIN

HIS GRACE AND MERCY WILL SUSTAIN YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION AND HIS LOVE WILL CONTINUOUSLY DRAW YOU DEEPER. THE MORE OF THIS WORLD YOU LET GO OF IS THE MORE YOU CAN GRAB AHOLD OF JESUS WITH....YOU CANT HAVE BOTH...

CHOOSE LIFE....CHOOSE LIGHT....CHOOSE JESUS

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