

The Value of Obedience

Why such an emphasis on obedience, exertion, and fruit?

Why does Jesus expect us to bear fruit (John 15:8), and be about our Father's business (Luke 19:13), and to do greater works (John 14:12)?

Remember all true Christian obedience is energized by the Holy Spirit and motivated by grace. It is not a work of man alone, but the Holy Spirit who inspires and enables.

- 1) Honoring the Great Commission
Matt. 28:19-20
- 2) Full fellowship with Christ
John 14:21, John 12:25
- 3) Full enjoyment of the abiding presence of the Trinity
John 14:23
- 4) Obedience is how Christ is glorified
Matt. 5:16
- 5) Demarks true and false profession
John 8:31, Matt. 25 Sheep and the goats
- 6) Apprehending and applying the truth promotes spiritual freedom
John 8:32
- 7) Obedience accords with our new identity
Rom. 6:19, Col. 3:12,
- 8) Proof of the love bond
John 14:15 If you love me you will keep My commandments
- 9) Joy
John 15:10-11 that your joy may be full
- 10) Friendship
John 15:14 you are my friends if you do what I command you
- 11) Assurance of salvation
1 John 2:3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- 12) Natural result of our salvation
Heb. 6:9-10
- 13) We are called to obedience
1 Pet. 1:1, 2
- 14) It is part and parcel of our salvation

- 1 Pet. 1:1, 2
- 15) Obedience is not being conformed to the former lusts
1 Pet. 1:14
- 16) Obedience acknowledges God as holy and Lord
Numbers 20:12; 1 Pet. 1:14-16
- 17) Obedience promotes purification
1 Pet. 1:22
- 18) Obedience leads to love
1 Pet. 1:22
- 19) Obedience renders us useful to Christ
2 Pet. 1:8
- 20) Practicing obedience makes our calling and election sure to us
2 Pet. 1:10
- 21) Diligent practicing provides spiritual stability
2 Pet. 1:10
- 22) Obedience supplies an abundant entrance into God's eternal kingdom
2 Pet. 1:11
- 23) Obedience flows from all that God has done for us
2 Pet. 1:1-11
- 24) God blesses and honors obedience
John 12:26
- 25) Service is an aspect of following Christ
John 12:26
- 26) Obedience is an essential aspect of effective prayer
John 15:8, 9
- 27) To identify as God's possession through holiness
"If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine."
Exodus 19:5
- 28) To be His treasured possession
Exod. 19:5, 6
- 29) Well-being like a river comes from paying attention to His commands
Isaiah 48:18
- 30) Obedience puts the believer on the path of blessing and safety
John 13:17
- 31) Grace reigns in our life through the applied righteousness of Christ in obedience
Rom. 5:31
- 32) Synonymous with salvation

- Rom. 6:18
- 33) The purpose for our spiritual resurrection
Rom. 7:14
- 34) The manifestation of the Holy Spirit
Acts 5:32; Gal. 5:17-23
- 35) Obedience is a basic expression our faith
Heb. 11:8
- 36) Obedience leads to a our reward
2 Cor. 5:10, Matt. 6:19-20, Rev. 4:10
- 37) Obedience is a "greater work"
John 14:12

Obedience is the glorious and thrilling outworking of the righteousness of Christ that was graced upon us in justification. The righteousness of Christ is not a blessing to be enjoyed after we die. The righteousness of Christ us designed to be employed today. Oh the joy and thrill of walking in Christ's gift righteousness!