

## **Obedience To The Word**

**Obedience Is Not Merely Desired By God, But Actually Required By God!!!**

**Salvation without obedience is an oxymoron**

You say salvation from sin is not about rules, it's about relationship? Read the Word.....

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked (1 Jn.2:3-6)."

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (Jn.15:14)."

"And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments (Mat.19:17)."

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity (Lk.13:24-27)."

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him (Heb.5:9)."

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day (2 Thes.1:7-10)."

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator (1 Pt.4:17-19)."

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death (Jn.8:31, 34, 51)."

"15If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me(Jn.14:15, 21-24)."

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth (1 Jn.1:5-6)."

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brothe (1 Jn.3:1-10)."

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus (Rev.14:12)."

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev.22:14)."

You see? It's not how you start, is how you finish. Yes, you must begin in righteousness by coming to Christ in repentance for all your past sins to be taken away, but you also have to **FINISH THIS RACE AND ENDURE UNTIL THE END!!!**

"But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the LORD is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die (Eze.18:24-26)."

I am fully aware that literally thousands of religious teachers are constantly saying that no man can live free from sin, that we sin every day, and that there is no man that does not sin every day he lives. One can see that this teaching is entirely out of harmony with the Bible by reading the above Scriptures. If these men sin every day, then they are sinners every day and there is no time that they are not sinners. If they are sinners all the time, then there is no time they are not under the death penalty of the broken law, and they will be sent to Hell as sinners to pay the death penalty. They are not Christians or saved from sin any one day they live if they sin every day they live. Christ means nothing to them if they are sinners and if they cannot be saved from sin.

It is time that men wake up and stop listening to such men and begin to read the Bible and obey it for themselves. Naturally, no man that does not believe in salvation from sin can ever get saved from sin. If Christ came to save us from our sins and He cannot do it, then He has failed in His mission. If the New Testament teaches freedom from sin, then it is either the truth or a lie. If it is a lie, then we might as well throw the whole Bible away and have nothing to do with religion. Christianity, in that case, is a mere sham and a false religion, teaching something that is not true. If salvation through Christ is true, however, then these modern teachers of religion are false and -no man can safely believe them. It is not right to even listen to them deny the truths of the Bible. It is a sin to support them in such a program. If Christianity is a sham it is a sin to support it and its leaders.

Do not let men deceive you into thinking that there is no such thing as a clean, holy, and victorious life in Christ secure from sin, the flesh, the world, and the devil. If you are not saved from these things you are not saved from Hell, according to the Scriptures under Point 10, Chapter Five. There may not be such a life of freedom from sin as far as these teachers are concerned and as far as they know. Either they do not know the Bible and they do not have biblical experiences, or they are plain rebels against truth and refuse to get such blessings. In either case, you should not listen to them concerning such an important thing as your eternal welfare. Why not listen to the Scripture instead? It will not deceive you. It will always tell you the truth.

People who think they cannot live free from sin are really mistaken as to what sin is. If they class lack of knowledge, temptations, and common mistakes in life that do not break the law of God as sin, then they are right that no man lives free from sin. But if they think one cannot live free from the above mentioned sins that will damn the soul, then they are all wrong, for such must be true of anyone who will be saved. Men who argue that no person can live without sin are simply using every excuse under the sun to continue in sin. They want to make people believe that they are Christians and yet they want to indulge in some sin or bad habit that will condemn them in the end. Men can live free from sin if they get saved from sin and permit Christ to live in their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. If men live in sin daily then there is not a day in which they are not tinder the condemnation of a broken law and they will be sent to Hell to pay the death penalty for sin.

The theory that the body is always sinful and the flesh sins every day, but the soul and spirit are perfectly sinless and holy is one of the most foolish, ignorant, and unscriptural theories the devil and his agents are seeking to impose upon intelligent Bible loving people. There can be no Scripture produced that says any such thing. This is purely a doctrine of demons to deceive men and cause their souls to be lost in eternal Hell. The following Scriptures prove that the body must be holy and sinless as much as the soul.

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DESTROYED, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead [that is, dead to sin as in Rom. 6:2] is freed from sin" (Rom. 6:6-7); "If Christ be in you, THE BODY IS DEAD BECAUSE OF SIN; but the Spirit [Holy Spirit] is life because of righteousness. . . Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, NOT TO THE FLESH, TO LIVE AFTER THE FLESH. FOR IF YE LIVE AFTER THE FLESH, YE SHALL DIE: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, ye shall live" (Rom. 8:1-4,10,Rom 12-13); "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, which is your reasonable service. AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind, that ye might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2); "THE BODY IS NOT FOR FORNICATION, BUT FOR THE LORD; and the Lord for THE BODY. - . Know ye not that YOUR BODIES are the members of Christ. . . Every sin that a man doeth IS WITHOUT THE BODY. . . YOUR BODY is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? . . . Therefore glorify God in YOUR BODY, and in YOUR SPIRIT, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:13,15,19-20); "Know ye not that ye' [YOUR BODIES] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwell in you? If any man defile THE TEMPLE OF GOD, him shall God destroy; for THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:16-17); "But I keep under MY BODY, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27); "That the life also of Jesus might be manifest IN OUR BODY" (2 Cor. 4:10); "Christ shall be magnified IN MY BODY, whether with the circumcision made without

hands, IN PUTTING OFF THE BODY OF SINS OF THE FLESH . . . having forgiven you all trespasses" (Col. 2:11-13); "that she may be holy BOTH IN BODY AND IN SPIRIT" (1 Cor. 7:34).

The Christian life is not easy. We must all count the cost after reading these hard sayings, but abstaining from sin is what the Word commands. You will need more than your own will power; though, you will need your will, you will also need the new birth (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:5-10; 5:1-4,18) , to walk and live in the Spirit (Rom. 8:1-13; Gal. 5:16-26), and the proper use of Christian weapons (2 Cor. 10:5-7; Eph. 6:10-18; Col. 2:6-10; 3:3-10; 2 Tim. 2:21), then and only then can it be possible to be victorious over sin. Love one another, knowing that no one who is a murderer or hater of people has eternal life (1 Jn. 3:15; Mat.5:21-22).

Warn your brothers and sisters that the righteous sin not (Eze.18:24-32; 1 Cor.15:34; Gal.6:1; Jas.5:19-20; 1 Jn.1:5-6; 2:1-6, 29; 3:1-10). Save the willing with fear, pulling them out of the fate of eternal hell (Jude 1:23). Afflict the comfortable, comfort the afflicted. Offer the grace of God to the humble, give the law to the proud so they might be humbled. Hate even the garment spotted by the flesh (Jude 1:23; Jas. 1:27; Eph. 5:27), not the sinner himself. Love them enough to warn them, though you will be accused of hatred and arrogance by these hard sayings. "*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren* (Lk.22:32)."

Many go to and fro and live comfortable in their sin and take pride in their ignorance, but I am persuaded of better things from you! "*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*"

If you've never put your faith in Jesus, or if you're in sin, I'd encourage you, right where you're at, to repent right now and you will be justified and saved from God's wrath on sin.

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