

Sermon Notes – 09.23.2023 – Commands of Jesus – Relational Obedience

Loving Obedience to Jesus Exhibits our Love for Jesus – Loving Obedience to Jesus is the Life We Live

John 14:15-21 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

- Keep – Guard, Keep Your Eye On, Hold on to

John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. 24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

Summary

- If You Love Me, You Will Keep My Commandments –
- If You Keep My Commandments You Will Abide in My Love
- If You, "...will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him
- I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

Sandwiched into This Summary Command of Jesus, Is the Promise of the Holy Spirit

"He abides with you and will be in you."

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Our Intimate Family Relationship with the Father through the Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Jesus in His Trial in the Garden, Called Out, "Abba! Father!" All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." **Mark 14:36**

Romans 8:15-16 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.

Galatians 4:6-7 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Difference the Indwelling Holy Spirit Makes in Us

2 Corinthians 1:22 who also sealed us and **gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.**

John 7:38-39 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" **39** But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Romans 8:26 In the same way **the Spirit also helps our weakness;** for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

John 14:26-27 "But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.**" **27** "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

Living in Relational Obedience – There Are Many Reasons, Many Ways in Which We Live This Life

The beloved (Ephesians/Song of Songs), The bride (Revelation);

The servant, The friend, The Child: In Many Senses Young and old

The sheep (He is my shepherd); The Worshiper (John 4:23)

The learner (teach me/us); The follower (follow me); The sent one (go, Angelos, Apostolos)

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