

Obedience: More than all Whole Burnt Offerings and Sacrifices

The subject I am going to be teaching on is the importance of being obedient and what it means to be obedient. To start off our teaching, I am going to read to you a scripture, that comes with great implications if one truly believes the Bible and the contents there in.

2 Timothy 3:16

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**:

Do you believe it tonight? Do you believe that All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God? Do you believe that all scripture is profitable for doctrinal teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness?

Let me explain to each of you tonight, that if you believe this verse of the Bible, that there should no longer be any divisions of Christianity. Why? Because to acknowledge that all scripture is inspired by God and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness will only lead you to the one true path. I will show this to you tonight.

Since the Bible tells us that all scripture is inspired by God, there is never a time that you will use one passage of scriptures to reject another passage of scriptures. There also will never be a time that you leave out or exclude scripture because you do not understand them.

For instance:

John 3:16 says,

16 **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Praise God for that! And, this is true! But, just because this is true, does that mean you exclude what other scriptures also tell us to do? Like:

Mark 16:16 that reads,

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

But wait a minute. John 3:16 said **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Again, I ask you tonight. Does that mean we ignore that Jesus also tells us that **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

Or should we believe what we learned in 2 Timothy 3:16? Which told us **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**:

Do you believe what the Bible Says? Ok. Again, since all scripture is inspired by God then we realize that you never stack one passage of scripture against another. So, God did send his son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but we also must be baptized in his name as the bible also teaches us.

Let me give you another example:

Romans 10:9

9 {That} if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Amen! This is true. But does that mean you no longer have to be baptized?

Acts 2:38-39 says,

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

If we exclude scriptures are we being obedient to 2 Timothy 3:16 which told us, **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**?

Oh But wait,

Ephesians 2:8-9 says,

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

This is truth!!! But so is the baptism in Jesus name and the receiving of the Holy Ghost.

Didn't the scriptures also tell us....

Ephesians 2:19-20

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the **apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

So what did the Apostles in the Bible tell us?

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What did Jesus in the Bible tell us?

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

So, we are not saved by works but by our obedient faith to the keeping of God's commandments.

What? Know ye not that we are called for obedience to the faith for his name?

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

So what does it mean that this Gospel of Jesus Christ was made known to all nations for the Obedience of Faith?

For this answer, we need to better understand how faith works. Faith requires action. Listen to what the Apostle James tells us in:

James 2:20;26

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

So faith takes an action of obedience to be made complete. Let me give you an example.

Let's say I have faith that if I purchase a smoke detector for my home that it will save my life in case of a house fire. I have faith that it will save my life. However, I must be obedient to my faith that the smoke detector will work and save my life in case of a house fire.

How then? You will find that for the smoke detector to work, there were instructions given to you. One of which includes placing a battery in it so that it will have power to operate.

So in order for my faith that the smoke detector will save my life in case of a house fire to be made complete, I must follow the instructions, and place the battery into it. If I choose not to be obedient to my faith that the smoke detector will save my life in case of a house fire, and do not install the battery, then if there is a house fire, it will not work, and thus my faith without works of obedience was dead being alone.

So we have learned that faith requires actions of obedience in order to be made complete.

Have you ever wondered how faith works? The answer can be found in:

Galatians 5:6

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

So in Jesus Christ faith is what matters. And faith works by love!!!

With this understanding, it should make more sense why the Lord said in:

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

In Jesus Christ the Lord, faith works by love. And thus if you love God, you will keep his commandments, because faith being alone is dead. For your faith to be made complete in Jesus Christ, you must be obedient to his commandments.

Romans 8:8,10

8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another:** for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.** WHY????? Because.....

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Mark 12:28-34

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:**

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, **Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.** And no man after that durst ask him any question.

So it is of the utmost importance that we are obedient to our faith that God will save us. For this to take place. We must believe **2 Timothy 3:16** **16 All scripture**

is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

If we truly believe this bible verse, that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, it will lead us to **Acts 2:38-39** which is the plan of Salvation that God has given unto us His people, which instructs us to, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

Let me again remind everyone what the Bible teaches us of those who did not obey the truth of this Gospel of Jesus Christ’s Death, Burial, and Resurrection, in.....

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;