

SIMPLE OBEDIENCE

MISSIONS 2025

John 14:15-24

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 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. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 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. 24 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.

SERMON NOTES

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Imagine a world without the Gospel. A world where Jesus' name was never carried beyond Jerusalem. Simple obedience changes history.

But our passage this morning directly ties our love for God to our obedience of His commands.

1. The Foundation of Obedience is _____ [v.15]

Do you love God? Are you truly His child? Can you be sure that you've been accepted by Him?

Jesus gave us the one true test: "By their fruits you will know them." The only solid evidence of love for Christ is obedience. Those who genuinely love Him will show it by living in submission to His commandments.

2. The Expression of Love is _____ [v.15]

Obedience is love in action. It's not optional. True disciples reveal their love through obedience.

But our love for Jesus must also be our motivation to obey His commands. Obedience without love is nothing more than the pursuit of self-righteousness.

Love for Jesus is not shallow emotion, but the surrender of our whole being to Him. The world knew Jesus loved the **Father because He obeyed the Father's commands** [v. 31].

3. The Strength for Obedience _____ from the _____ [vss.15-17]

Warning: The Holy Spirit is not given as a reward for obedience or love, as though we earn Him by our performance. Scripture is clear: the Spirit is given to every believer at the moment of salvation (Rom. 8:9, Eph. 1:13). He is the seal of our redemption, not a prize we achieve.

He empowers us to love Christ and obey His commands [Phil 2:13]

4. The Result of Obedience is _____ with Christ [vss.18-23]

The Greek word for "Comforter" is rendered as advocate in 1 Jn. 2:1, it means "one called alongside" for protection or counsel. "Another" means, "another of the same kind."

When we show our love for His Son by obeying His commands, He will manifest Himself to us.

Obedience draws us closer to Jesus. Our obedience has eternal consequences beyond ourselves. **Simple obedience** moves His mission forward and **changes lives forever.**

"Love is the chief jewel in the bracelet of obedience"
- Charles Spurgeon