

Obedient Children

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Introduction

1. 1 Peter 1:13-16
2. Obedience has always been important Exodus 24:7
 - a. It is a willing obedience that God wants
 - b. It is implied in the Greek word obedience
 - c. Romans 1:5; 6:17; 16:19
3. There is a contrast to children of disobedience Ephesians 2:2; 5:6; Colossians 3:6
4. Let us study the responsibility of being obedient children

II Discussion

1. Obedience
 - a. The soul is purified in obeying the truth 1:22
 - i. Peter's use of soul 1:9, 22; 2:11,25; 3:20; 4:19
 - ii. This is the immortal part of man
 - b. The truth reveals sin defiles the soul 2:24-25; 4:3-5
 - c. The truth reveals God's plan for saving man's soul
 - i. Grace 1:9-10
 - ii. Believing 1:8
 - iii. Repenting 2 Peter 3:9
 - iv. Baptism Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
 - d. When one obeys the truth, His soul is:
 - i. Purified 1:22
 - ii. Born again 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - iii. Joy 1:8
 - iv. Hope 1:3, 13
 - v. Has an inheritance 1:4
 - e. One must obey 4:17
 - i. There are facts
 - ii. These facts contain commands
 - iii. These commands lead to promises
2. The Christian now lives a life of obedience
 - a. He has a nature of obedience
 - i. Before he was in ignorance 1:14; 2 Peter 2:20
 - ii. But as a Christian he follows the way of truth 2 Peter 2:2
 - iii. Knowledge is inseparable connected with obedience Romans 10:1-3
 - b. As a Child of obedience the Christian must:
 - i. Desire God's Word 2:2
 - ii. Abstain for fleshly lusts 2:11
 - iii. Be submissive to civil authority 2:13-17
 - iv. Let Christ be the pattern 2:21
 - v. Love one another 1:22; 3:8 philo and agapa are used
 - vi. Control the tongue 3:10
 - vii. Turn away from evil 3:11 turn away NKJV
 - viii. Be ready to give a reason 3:15
 - ix. Cast your cares upon God 5:7

- x. Resist the devil 5:8
- xi. Supply the Christians graces 2 Peter 1:5-11

III Conclusion

1. The Blessings of the Gospel cannot be enjoyed unto one obeys the Gospel
2. Behold to obey is better 1 Samuel 15:22
3. Have you begun your obedience, now is the time!

Source: God's definition of a Christian, sermon outlines from Tom Holland; Logos Bible App. Denton lecture on 1 & 2 Peter