

### Youth Bible Study Lesson 30

Moving on in our passage in Titus 2:4-8 we come to the instruction of "...obedient to their own husbands."

Let's begin by looking at the word obedient. Say it out loud a few times. What is your response to the word? Do you like it? Do you resent it? Obedience is what life is all about.

Obedience can be defined as: willing to put oneself under the authority of another or yield to the authority of another.

This of course was Adam and Eve's problem. God gave them one simple command in Gen. 2:16, 17, vs. 16 "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of \_\_\_\_\_ tree of the garden thou mayest \_\_\_\_\_ eat: vs. 17 But of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ eat of it: for in the day that thou \_\_\_\_\_ thereof thou shalt surely \_\_\_\_\_."

One simple instruction to obey. And we all know what happened, Adam disobeyed. And the outcome is found in Rom. 5:19 "For as by \_\_\_\_\_ man's \_\_\_\_\_ many were made \_\_\_\_\_..." And Rom. 5:12 "Wherefore, as by \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ entered the world, and \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; and so \_\_\_\_\_ passed on \_\_\_\_\_ men, for that all have \_\_\_\_\_:"

And I Cor. 15:21 "For since by \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_..." and vs. 22 "For as in \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_..." Disobedience became our bent. Disobedience was born, passed on to every descendent of Adam. And you wonder why we need to renew our minds?? Our minds are corrupt, ungodly, rebellious, carnal, wicked, self centered and disobedient! God describes us to a "T" in Titus 3:3 "For we ourselves also were sometimes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ serving divers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, living in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another." What a picture of mankind. Only God can give us an accurate description of our condition. A condition we inherited from Adam. God sets this backdrop of sinful man so He can demonstrate the magnitude of His love!

Read the next verse in Titus 3. Vs. 4 "But after that (all of vs. 3) the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God our \_\_\_\_\_ toward man \_\_\_\_\_," yes, God fixed His love on the likes of us and sent His only begotten Son to die for us.

Rom. 5:8 "But God \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_." Have you agreed with God that the Lord Jesus Christ died for you? Have you placed your faith in Christ alone as the one who saved you by His death on the cross for your sins? If not, why not? I beseech you, be ye reconciled to God.

For those of us who are saved, and I hope I'm speaking to every last one of you who are out there, we need to renew our minds with the sound doctrine of God's word to live lives that are in obedience to our Lord. Do we really appreciate this opportunity that is ours to willingly submit our lives in obedience to bring praise and glory to God?? It's a privilege that God affords us.

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How do we do this? Read Phil. 2:5-8. Vs. 5 "Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" and vs. 8 "And being found in fashion as a \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, even the death of the cross." God the Son, made himself of no \_\_\_\_\_, and took upon him the form of a \_\_\_\_\_. Look back at vs. 5, what's the first word? \_\_\_\_\_

"Let" suggests that the manifestation of the mind of Christ will be produced by Christ, and that our responsibility is that of letting, allowing or choosing that mind to be operating in us.

Let's pause here a moment and consider the magnitude of this provision. Every believer is indwelt by God. We have a spiritual provision with infinite power to be unleashed in every child of God. Consider Gal. 2:22 "In whom ye are builded together for an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through the Spirit." And Gal. 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_ that we ask or think, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ us. Many believers are looking for God's power in all the wrong places. Paul tells us over and over that it is working in us today!

Israel, under the law, never had this glorious provision. Rom. 8:3 tells us "For what the \_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_ do, in that it was \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_..." There was no indwelling power in the law system. That's why one day God will \_\_\_\_\_ them in their \_\_\_\_\_ and will put his \_\_\_\_\_ into their \_\_\_\_\_ according to Heb. 8:10.

As a believer, living in the dispensation of the grace of God, we are right now enabled to live in obedience to God with the mind of Christ operating in our mortal bodies!

Look what Paul goes on to say in Rom. 8:11 "But if the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that \_\_\_\_\_ up Jesus from the dead \_\_\_\_\_ in you, he that \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead shall also \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ in you."

Oh what a relief this should be to us! We don't produce or maintain this exalted mind, but we choose to allow Christ's mind to live in us. And how do we do that? By knowing the mind of Christ as revealed to us in scripture. That way we can cooperate with the outworking of Christ's mind, and experience all the power of God unleashed in our mortal bodies in a life of obedience to our Lord.

Let's take a look at how Paul viewed his life in regards to obedience.

Rom. 1:1 "Paul, a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ..."

Titus 1:1 "Paul, a \_\_\_\_\_ of God..."

Gal. 1:10 "...for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ."

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Phil. 1:1 "Paul and Timotheus, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ..."

Obedience for the believer is letting the mind of Christ produce submission to the will of God. Next week we will look at what the will of God is concerning being "obedient to our own husbands".

Memory verse – Rom. 8:11

### Lesson 30 Answers and Comments

Gal. 2:22 should be Eph. 2:22 and Gal. 3:20 should be Eph. 3:20

Every kindness quicken  
Freely love mortal  
Tree Saviour bodies  
Good appeared Spirit  
Evil commendeth dwelleth  
Not love servant  
Eatest us servant  
Die sinners servant  
One died servant  
Disobedience us  
Sinners mind  
One man  
Sin humbled  
Death obedient  
Sin reputation  
Death servant  
All let  
Sinned habitation  
Man God  
Death exceeding  
Adam abundantly  
Die all  
Foolish power  
Disobedient worketh  
in  
Deceived law  
Lusts not  
Pleasures weak  
Malice flesh  
Envy write  
Hateful hearts  
Hating laws  
Mind  
Spirit  
Raised  
Dwell  
Raised  
Christ

Do you remember the account of Ruth and her mother in-law Naomi? When I was thinking about obedience this example came to mind. Read Ruth chapter one. Read verses 16 and 17 slowly. Ruth recognized that Naomi worshipped the true God. She wanted nothing more than to follow her. Ruth willingly chose the position of obedience. Gladly submitted to it. And in verse 18 we see that Ruth was "steadfastly minded." Ruth was not about to be dissuaded. We should be no less committed to obedience to the will of God. I Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable,

always abounding in the work of the Lord..."