

## What Does It Mean to Obey in the New Testament?

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### Scripture References:

- Deuteronomy 28:1-13
- James 2:10
- Hebrews 3:18:19, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 4:3, 11, *NKJV*
- Galatians 5:1, 7, *NKJV*
- Romans 6:16, 17, *NKJV*
- Romans 5:18, 19, *NLT*
- Romans 6:14, *NLT*
- Romans 3:24
- Ephesians 4:23, 24, *NKJV*
- Isaiah 54:9, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 2:4, *NKJV*
- John 16:8, 9, *NKJV*
- Romans 10:17
- John 10:10

### Summary:

*The finished works of Jesus Christ have radically redefined obedience from the Old to the New Testament. Under the law, mankind was required to obey perfectly through constant self-effort in order to avoid being cursed; this covenant failed because no one was able to keep all of the commandments. By contrast, in the New Testament, we receive the blessings promised to us by believing in **Jesus'** perfect obedience instead of in our own; this frees us from depending on our own actions.*

### Notes:

1. Jesus Christ changed the definition of obedience from the old to the new covenants. Under the law, God required perfect obedience through performance and self-effort; under the new covenant, faith is critical.
2. We no longer have to work to be considered righteous; we now have faith in Christ.
3. Paul chided the Galatians for their unbelief; their error was not in violating any of the commandments, but in not believing the truth of the gospel.
4. The finished works of Jesus have freed us from bondage to constant performance. The church as a whole doesn't understand that we're now living under grace; most churches still focus on performance.
5. Faith is central to the new covenant; God now sees unbelief in Jesus as disobedience. We need a full revelation of the new covenant of grace; grace is now the truth.

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