

The True Meaning of Obedience
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Scripture References:

- Deuteronomy 28:1-7
- Hebrews 3:18, 19, *NKJV*
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-17, *NLT*
- Romans 8:31, 32, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:19

Summary:

*The definition of what it means for us to obey God has changed from the old covenant of the law to the new covenant of grace. Before, perfectly keeping all the commandments was required in order to receive blessings and avoid being cursed; now, belief in **Jesus'** perfect performance in keeping all the laws positions us to receive all of the blessings with none of the curses. Focusing on Jesus instead of on our self-efforts allows us to find rest in His sufficiency. Setting aside all the rules and regulations that religion says are important and simply believing in God's love allows Him to give us the specifics of how to accomplish what He wants us to do.*

Notes:

1. Because of Jesus, obeying God no longer means working to follow long lists of rules.
2. Under grace, the primary focus is not our lifestyle, but our belief system. Believing the right things leads to living the right way.
3. Jesus Christ and His finished works give our faith power. He is God's expression of love.
4. Without Jesus, our faith is useless. He has already taken care of our sins. Whatever we aspire to be is made possible because He was raised from the dead.
5. Because God gave us Jesus, it's now possible to receive everything else we need in life. We need faith in Jesus, not in material things; if we have faith in Him, we will never lack for anything.

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