

Obedience Is a Gift of Grace
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Scripture References:

- Hebrews 3:18, 19, *NKJV*
- Galatians 5:22, *NKJV*
- 1 John 4:19
- John 15:1-5, *NKJV*

Summary:

For the Christian, understanding the difference between the old and new covenants is essential to success. Under the law, obeying God was demonstrated by actions; under grace, it's now shown by our belief in Jesus Christ. We no longer need to earn God's favor. Living a life of grace is all about receiving, not achieving. Believing in God's love and embracing it enables us to do the right things because of our reliance on Him, not out of mechanical habit.

Notes:

1. In the New Testament, we show our obedience by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works. Under the new covenant of grace, God equates unbelief with disobedience and belief with obedience.
2. To believe something is to receive and embrace it. Our believing determines our receiving.
3. The basis for receiving grace, and everything else from God, is knowing how much He loves us. This knowledge must go beyond the intellectual and touch our hearts so that we can receive it.
4. In the New Testament, doing is still important; however, it must reflect our believing, which should come first. Our believing gives birth to our doing.
5. God uses illustrations of things in nature to get His point across to us. We must therefore pay close attention to what He is trying to teach us. When we live in Jesus the way branches live in the vine, we can bear much spiritual fruit.

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