

Sermon Notes – May 10, 2015

“Love and Obedience”

Happy Mother’s Day!!!! My advice to everyone here is when momma is happy, everyone is happy. If I were to take a poll and asked the mothers here what would make their day. I think most would say if my kids would listen to me the first time I ask.

Today some of the kids may have made breakfast for mom or made something for mom to show their love for her. We do things for others just because we love them:

- A mother taking care of a sick child.
- A husband doing the dishes for his wife.
- An adult child taking care of an elderly parent.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

Everyone that puts faith in and entrusts their spiritual well-being in Jesus becomes a child of God. We are God’s children!! Wow, part of His family! What an honor and privilege that is! We, as His children, love Him and His children. Look around you at how many people you love and they love you!

3 Loving God means keeping his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome.

Our love is shown through our obedience to God’s commands. The two cannot be separated. Peter tells us we must live as God’s obedient children.

1 Peter 1:14–16 (NLT) — 14 So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

When I was a young adult and living with my parents there were rules for me as an adult while living in that house. We are children of God and as children we must obey His rules.

Genesis 6:22 (NLT) — 22 So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

Exodus 40:16 (NLT) — 16 Moses proceeded to do everything just as the LORD had commanded him.

Philippians 2:8 (NLT) — 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

These three examples I just gave you show how far we are to go in obedience to God. Noah faced ridicule from his contemporaries. It took him 100 years to build the ark. Can you imagine doing something that long before you see the results? Today, if we don’t see results in a very short time we get discouraged and give up. Moses risked his life when he was being obedient to God. He also faced the grumblings of a people when they didn’t see the results in a timely manner. Jesus gave up His life in obedience to His father. Through the obedience of all three of these men salvation came. Noah saved his family and God started over again through them. Through Moses God saved His children from slavery and established them as a nation. Through Jesus the world has been saved from sin.

We see that salvation of others comes through obedience. There are two things that are tied to obedience: faith and love. We know that if we love our parents, that we will obey them. Because of love we will do things for them that are above and beyond what is expected. Shouldn’t we be that way with God? It is through our obedience we show God how much we love Him.

1 John 2:5 (NLT) — 5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.

1 John 3:10 (NLT) — 10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

2 John 6 (NLT) — 6 Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.

We are commanded to love each other. We are called to live a righteous life. We are called to be Holy because He is Holy! We show our love through obedience and we also demonstrate our faith.

James 2:14–16 (NLT) — 14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

Our service to others shows our faith and love. It is through serving in response to our love for God brings salvation to others. This salvation can take different forms. It is through our obedience we

may be called to sit with someone that is grieving and the salvation is we are that person that holds them up when they can't go any further. It is our love that brings peace to those that are in their last days on this Earth. It is through our obedience that the hurting and the lost find their salvation in Jesus. There are great rewards for those that love God and are obedient to Him.

Exodus 19:5 (NLT) — 5 Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me.

John 12:26 (NLT) — 26 Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

1 John 2:17 (NLT) — 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

We are a vessel that God has filled with His love. Are you ready to be used by Him? Let God fill you as you pour yourself out for others. Then He will fill you again and again and again.