

*Romans 1:5* through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,

Introduction: The Obedience of faith - Rom 1:5; Rom 15:15-19; Rom 16:25-27

- I. Obedience Begins with Authority
  - A. Where Authority Is Found.. Obedience Is Always Present.
    - 1. Parent/Child Relationship - Eph 6:1
    - 2. Government/Citizen Relationship - Rom 13:1
    - 3. God/man Relationship - Acts 5:29
  - B. Christ has ALL Authority - Matt 28:18
- II. Obedience Responds to Specific Actions Authorized. - Heb 11:8
  - A. The Specification of One Act Authorizes Only the Doing of that Act. - Deut. 12:32 ; 2 John 9
  - B. The specification of one act is never respected by being substituted.
    - 1. Example of Moses - Numbers 20:2-12
    - 2. Example of Nadab and Abihu -
- II. Obedience Responds to Specific Actions Authorized.
  - A. Baptism is a burial; substitution of sprinkling or pouring is disobedient substitution. - Rom 6:4; Col 2:12
  - B. The extension to someone other than to whom a command is given is not obedience.
    - 1. Example of Noah Building the ark
    - 2. Example of Jews Keeping the Sabbath Day. - Col 2:14-17
    - 3. Baptism is commanded of unsaved believers. - Mark 16:16
      - a. Baptism of infants is not obedience.
      - b. Baptism of already saved believers is not obedience.
        - 1) Those already Christians.
        - 2) Those who believed they were already saved.
- III. Obedience requires attention to details.
  - 1. Example of Noah – Size, Gopher Wood, door, etc. - Gen 6:22
  - 2. Example of Naaman in Jordan River - 2 Kings 5:10
  - A. When “Place” is specified - Eph 3:21; Col 3:17
  - B. When Time is specified
    - 1. Lord’s Supper on first day of the week - Acts 20:7
    - 2. The collection on the first day of the week - 1 Cor 16:1-2
  - C. When agent or means is specified.
    - 1. Singing is making melody with your heart - Eph 5:19; Col 3:16
    - 2. Mechanical cannot do it, therefore, disobedience occurs.
- IV. Obedience depends on the teaching.
  - A. The teaching results from the authority - Matt 28:18-20
  - B. Concept: “The Obedience of Faith”
    - 1. Romans 1:5 to bring about the obedience of faith
    - 2. Romans 15:18 resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles
    - 3. Romans 16:25 the preaching of Jesus Christ ... leading to obedience of faith;
  - C. One being baptized has faith in the operation of God; i.e., that God is forgiving transgressions. - Col 2:12-13
  - D. Word of Christ > hearing > Faith - Rom 10:17
  - E. Word of Christ > hearing > Faith > Obedience - Rom 6:17
  - F. What if Preacher taught a thing not authorized?
    - 1. Word of Men > hearing\* > faith\* > Disobedience
    - 2. Galatians 1:6-9

- G. Why? Because People obey what they are taught.
1. Being taught John's Baptism, they obeyed "John's Baptism."  
- Acts 19:1-5
  2. Fact: People can only obey what they are taught. - Rom 6:17
- F. Consider a teaching:
1. *"Baptism is not essential to salvation, for our churches utter repudiate the dogma of 'baptismal regeneration;' but is essential to obedience since Christ commanded it.*  
Hiscox, The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, p. 21 note 8
  2. If taught Baptism is not essential to salvation, that is what was obeyed.
- V. Obedience depends on the Authorized Purpose.
- A. Purpose of Lord's Supper: Remember the Lord's Death - 1 Cor 11:24-25
1. If not purpose, eat and drink condemnation. - 1 Cor 11:29
  2. Point: It does not work if purpose is not right
- B. Acts 19:1-5 John's Baptism –
1. Was not to be added to the Lord's Church
  2. They were Baptized again.
- C. The One Baptism – Eph 4:5
1. In order to have the remission of sins – Acts 2:38
  2. To Be Saved - Rom 6:17-18; 1 Peter 3:21
- F. Obedience depends on the teaching; because people obey what they are taught.
1. If taught, *" It (baptism) represents in an outward symbol the inward work of the Spirit, and shows how ,according to his mercy, he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost,' a work already performed upon the heart of the candidate, by the application of the cleansing blood of Christ."*  
Hiscox, The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, p. 32
  2. If taught Baptism occurred after the heart was cleansed of sin, that is what was obeyed.
  3. Baptists teach is a faith that God has already forgiven transgressions – a faith that they were already alive; but see Col 2:12-13
  4. Baptist teaching produces faith that you were already in Christ before baptism; but see Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27
- Conclusion:
- A. Obedience is important to God.
- B. And should be important to you and me. - 2 Thess 1:7-9

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