

# The Obedience of Jesus

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**When we speak about obedience it can sometimes feel like a heavy burden to bear...**

- **Internal conflict** (these commands are from God and **good**, but seem **impossible** to keep)
- If you have walked with the LORD for some time, you know your capacity to sin is still strong
- So how do we deal with the issue of obedience?

Moses broke the tablets of stone - get rid of the rules so to speak

- Exo 24:7-8 ESV Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "**All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.**"

**Moses broke the tablets - the tablets condemned the people**

- Exo 32:19 ESV And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and **he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them** at the foot of the mountain.

**Moses tried to spare them - But God upheld his holiness and held them accountable**

- Exo 32:31-33 ESV So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, **if you will forgive their sin--but if not, please blot me out of your book** that you have written." 33 But the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.

Israel established their own righteousness - try hard to keep all the rules

Rom 10:1-5 ESV Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For, **being ignorant of the righteousness of God**, and seeking to **establish** their own, they did not **submit** to God's righteousness. 4 For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes about the **righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.**

- God has made a way for righteousness
- Israel was ignorant of God's righteousness - so they set about to establish their own
- They did not submit to God's righteousness
- Righteousness based on the law requires 100% obedience

Righteousness cannot come through the law

**The law shows me how sinful I am**

- Rom 7:7 ESV ... Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin...

**The law is not able to produce righteousness**

- Gal 3:21-25 ESV For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.
- Gal 2:21 ESV I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

**The law is a guardian to lead me to Jesus**

- Gal 3:24 So then, **the law was our guardian until Christ came**, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,

Jesus did not come to Abolish the law but rather to Satisfy it

- Mat 5:17 ESV "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them **but to fulfill them.**

**Jesus did not come to abolish = [destroy, dissolve, overthrow, throw down] (??Moses??)**

- He describes the true nature of the law - anger is murder, lust is adultery
- One author wrote, "God's law, by itself, carries a righteous burden that crushes all of humanity under the weight of His holiness."

**He came to fulfill = [satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task)]**

Jesus said, "A body you have prepared for me - I have come to do your will"

Heb 10:4-8 ESV For it is **impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins**. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, **but a body have you prepared for me**; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, **I have come to do your will, O God**, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

**Impossible for the blood of bulls & goats to take away sins - a body you have prepared for me**

- A human body brought all mankind under sin
- A human body must be the vehicle for redemption & righteousness

Rom 5:16-19 ESV And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, **so by the one man's obedience** the many will be made righteous.

First Man - First Adam = Adam	Second Man - Last Adam = Christ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One trespass brought judgment leading to condemnation</li> <li>● Because of one man's trespass - death reigned through that one man</li> <li>● One trespass led to condemnation for all men</li> <li>● By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Many trespasses brought a free gift leading to justification</li> <li>● Those who receive abundant grace and the free gift of righteousness will reign in life through one man - Jesus Christ</li> <li>● One act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men</li> <li>● By the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous</li> </ul>

Jesus satisfied the law - "I have come to do your will O God"

**FIRST - He satisfied the law by living a life of total obedience - He Never Sinned**

- Heb 4:15 ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

**SECOND - He satisfied the law by becoming the curse** - doing that which the blood of bulls and goats could never do - ...So even tho, man sinned, and deserved to be punished - He did not do what Moses did...he Upheld the Law and even strengthened it in a sense, He kept it perfectly, then took upon himself the curse and the consequence we deserved

- Gal 3:10-14 ESV For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "**Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.**" 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous **shall live by faith.**" 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us**--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"-- 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, **so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.**

He satisfied the law by becoming a curse and doing that which the blood of bulls and goats could never do - thus enabling him to remove our sin once and for all	Jesus By the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous	He satisfied the the law by walking in obedience - never sinning - thus enabling Him to give us a gift of HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
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**How do I come to grips with Obedience?**

- Don't throw out the commandments?
- Please understand your efforts to keep the law will fail
- Come to Jesus and receive his gift of righteousness (LOVE HIM --- 1Jn 5:3 ESV For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.)
- Then Learn to walk in the Spirit ..... Gal 3:14 - **so that we might receive the promised Spirit**

**Righteous requirement of the law - by walking in the Spirit**

- Rom 8:1-4 ESV There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For **God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.** By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 **in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**
- Eze 36:26-27 ESV And I will give you **a new heart**, and **a new spirit** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 **And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Thank you Jesus for your total surrender and obedience to God

Your obedience is the basis of my righteousness -- Your death on the cross paid the penalty of my sin

The Lord set before them BLESSING and CURSING

- Jesus received the BLESSING of the obedient...Jesus absorbed the CURSE that was mine

But you don't leave me powerless over my sinful nature

You have made a new covenant, softened my heart, and written your laws on my heart

You have placed your spirit within me & You call me to be led by your spirit, for it is only after the new birth and the leading of your spirit that I can truly obey