

“The Pleasure Of Obedience”

Turning To The Liberating Power Of The Cross...Every Day - Pt. 3

Deut. 30:15-20; Psalm 40:8; John 4:34; Rom. 7:12

We need to be biblical in the way we speak about the Christian life. The Gospel does not merely confront our wills with the raw demands of God’s law. It wins our hearts with the message of God’s goodness and love! It celebrates Jesus’ perfect legal obedience on behalf of his people. It announces that the legal penalties due to us were absorbed by him. Finally it reminds us of his Holy Spirit who enables us to do what is right. In a word, Jesus frees us from fear of God’s moral law to find *pleasure* in that law – it’s holy and righteous and good!

I. God’s _____ Shape Our _____. (Deut. 30:15-20) _____

1. The Law of God is a _____ of his moral nature.
2. Honor God by _____ to his definitions of right and wrong.
3. “Obedience that is not _____ in is not perfect obedience.”

(Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel For Real Life* p. 33)

II. Christ’s _____ Shapes Our _____. (Psalm 40:8) _____

1. His _____ to do the will of God is _____.
2. He obeyed God for you and suffered in your place. Theologians refer to the _____ aspect and _____ aspect of Jesus’ obedience.
3. Living out God’s purpose is not merely a _____ but a _____.
4. The moral law of God _____ leads to greater love for him!

III. Our _____ Shapes Our _____. (John 4:34)

1. Seek your _____ in your legal and vital _____ with Christ.
2. Allow the Gospel *and* the Law to inform and animate your _____.
3. Study God’s _____ for his world, and encourage others to _____ God’s plan and the pleasure of obedience.