

Morning Sermon Outline – July 30, 2017

“Christ’s Glorious Obedience” Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)

I. Christ’s obedience was glorious and excellence in its essence –

What is the essence of obedience?

1. We see the essence of obedience here, in Romans 5:19, in contrast to disobedience –

Disobedience - παρακοή parakoe {par-ak-o-ay'} 1) a hearing amiss 2) disobedience

The Greek word here for disobedience is a compound word. It is a combination of two words, words that we are familiar with in English. First the preface para- We use it in the words: paramedic or parachurch, a paramedic is a person who comes alongside the medical doctor, he rides in an ambulance, he may not have all the knowledge of a doctor, but he is more available in an emergency than a doctor.

A parachurch ministry: Campus Crusade for Christ; Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship; the Navigators, these are organizations that do ministry alongside the church but are not under the authority of the church. Para- means along-side.

The other part of this compound word is akouō (ἀκουω), “to hear.” It is the word from which we get our word acoustics, which relates to sound! Hence, παρακοή parakoe {par-ak-o-ay'} literally means to hear along-side.

2. In this passage, Adam’s hearing alongside is contrasted with Christ’s Obedience - ὑπακοή hupakoe {hoop-ak-o-ay'}

Meaning: 1) obedience, compliance, submission -

“Obedience” is hupokoē (ὑποκοη), made up of akouō (ἀκουω), “to hear,” and hupo (ὑπο), “under,” literally “to hear under.” The idea is that of a willing listening to authority. K.S. Wuest

See the difference here? Adam and Eve were hearing along-side; Christ was hearing under!

I believe most all of us here, have heard people in both of these ways. You have a close friend, you call him or her on the phone. You just talk! One could be driving, another may be doing house work, they listen to each other but might also be listening to music or watching television at the same time. You are eating dinner with someone, and they are playing with their cell-phone ... this is what Paul calls παρακοή parakoe {par-ak-o-ay'} 1) a hearing amiss 2) disobedience!

Now, if you are a parent, talking to your child, and you want to tell them something important, you want them to listen and OBEY what you say ... you want hupokoē (ὑποκοη from your child!

This is why God states in His word -

One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. (Proverbs 28:9 NKJ)

It is why James says –

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22 NKJ)

This is why Jesus says –

"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." (Luke 8:18 NKJ)

This is why Paul says again –

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17 NKJ)

These New Testament verses about “hearing” use the same root word used in obedience and disobedience.

II. *Christ's obedience was glorious and excellent in its effects –*

Again, here Christ's obedience shines in contrast to Adam's sin, see this in context, Adam's sin brought:

1. *Death –*

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (Roman 5:12 NKJ)

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, ... (Romans 5:14 NKJ)

... For if by the one man's offense many died, ... (Romans 5:15 NKJ)

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, ... (Romans 5:17 NKJ)

2. *Condemnation –*

... For the judgment *which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, ... (Romans 5:16 NKJ)*

Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, ... (Romans 5:18 NKJ)*

3. *Sin –*

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, ... (Romans 5:12 NKJ)

By Adam's disobedience many were made sinners. So, opposite of that many are by Christ's obedience made righteous.

Christ's obedience here is a reference to His taking up the cross –

Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. (Romans 5:18 NKJ)*

The one man's offense in Romans 5:18 is Adam's eating of the forbidden fruit. One Man's righteous act is Christ's taking up the cross, on our behalf, for our benefit, note it brings us:

1. *Justification instead of condemnation, life instead of death - the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. (Romans 5:18 NKJ)*

2. *Note Christ's cross is meant to make us righteous, opposite of what Adam did which was make us sinners –*

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)

3. *What is meant by will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19 NKJ)?*

A. *Justification – which is legal*

But the free gift *is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*¹⁶ And the gift *is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. (Rom. 5:15-16 NKJ)*

B. *Sanctification – which is personal, real, B. J. Thomas "What a difference You made in my life!"*

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption-- (1 Corinthians 1:30 NKJ)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 NKJ)

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, (2 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJ)

C. *Glorification – which is Heaven instead of Hell!*

... these He also glorified. (Romans 8:30 NKJ)

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4 NKJ)

... And there shall be no more curse, ... (Revelation 22:3 NKJ)

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