

When, by Him, I obey God and not me, I'm saved, happy, well and fruitful

Why should I obey God? Some think they're doing OK without Him, but they really aren't:

Heb 5:9 **Christ...the source of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him.**

2 Thess 1:7-8 **...When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven...taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (the words God has spoken to them personally by others).**

Titus 3:3 **We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.**

Do I see my need to obey God and discontinue obeying myself, the world and the devil?

How is it possible to obey God when we have a human nature that only wants to obey self?

If as Christians we are grateful to God for His initial forgiveness of our past sins, solely because Christ bore them, we will love God. He then will feed us His words and give us His Spirit, the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, by whom alone we will happily obey God.

Ps 37:4 **Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He will give you** (put within you His desire for you to obey Him which will become one of) **the desires of your heart.**

Acts 5:32 **...The Holy Spirit whom God gives to those who (desire to) obey Him.**

Ezek 36:27 **I will put My Spirit within you (My power to do what you cannot) and cause you to walk in My words, and you will keep My words and obey them.** But also:

Acts 20:32 **I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to...**

Rom 1:5 **By Him we have received (His words of) grace...for obedience to the faith...**

Acts 6:7 **The word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.**

What does it take in me to be made obedient to God and not me, so that I can be saved?

Humility: Phil 2:8 **...Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient...**

Love: John 14:15 (Jesus) **If you love Me, obey Me;**

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Trust: Rom 16:26 **...The obedience of faith [hence we say "Trust and (so) obey"]:** KJV

Our human nature has none of these, we need a new nature, Christ's nature, He has them

2 Peter 1:4 **There have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, (God's words) so that by these you may partake of the divine (Christ's) nature,**

This is how we get the humility, love, and faith to obey, we get the obedience of Christ.

What are some of the results of obeying God? It is well with us, we're happy and saved

Jer 7:23 **...Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it will be well with you** (God is only in control of us and can bless us, when we submit to His control).

John 13:17 **If you know these things, happy are you if you do (obey) them.**

Ps 144:15 **...Happy are the people whose God is the LORD (and not themselves)!**

It's not a question of if we will obey, it's simply a question of who, God or Satan, we obey:

Rom 6:16 **Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin (obeying self/Satan) resulting in death (to God) or of obedience (to God) resulting in righteousness?**

1 John 3:8 **Whoever sins (does not obey God) belongs to the Devil...**we need a Savior

Eph 2:2 **You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air, who is at work right now in the hearts of those who are disobedient to the Lord.** TLB

What then becomes our primary purpose when we obey our creator, our redeemer, God?

When we let God cause us to obey Him our mission is, in and by Him, to set others free:

Luke 1:17 **...In the Spirit and power of Elijah (the Holy Spirit), to turn the hearts of the...disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous (who obey God), to make ready a people prepared for the Lord's (return, who otherwise won't be ready).**

Here then is an inspired prayer for both ourselves and all those our Father sends us to:

Heb 13:20-21 **Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant (that's the Holy Spirit – Who raised Christ from the dead – Rom 8:11),**

21 **Equip you with all good (Himself) to do His will (to obey Him), working in you (by His word and by His Spirit) what is well pleasing in His sight, by Jesus Christ (His word and His Spirit), to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**