

OBEDIENCE

Faith made visible.

Elements Class - 10.45a - Choir Room - 7.13.14

LAST WEEK...

Faith

is when we:

believe that God is **best**,
and does know
what is **best**.

Sin is the action that
arises when we believe
that the world offers
the superior glory and
pleasure.

Faith is the action that
arises when we believe
that God offers the
superior glory and
pleasure.

In Summary:
BIBLICAL
Faith IS

A **deep confidence** and an
assuring hope of **future**
good things...
(namely the enjoyment
of himself)

...which **God has**
promised to provide
 to those who believe...

...which are **far beyond**
comparison of anything
 that the world system,
 Satan and man's
 imagination can devise.

'Faith' means being
 satisfied with all that
 God promises to be
 for us in Jesus.

'Obedience' then is
what we do or **what our**
lives look like when we
 are satisfied with all that
 God promises to be for
 us in Jesus.

Obedience is:
 the correlating action that
 outwardly displays this deep
 inner confidence and
 assuring hope of God's
 goodness.

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“Obedience is the very best way to show that we believe...”

Faith **is the confidence** in the design and instruction of God to provide ultimate good, reward/personal benefit.

Obedience
is the submission to
the design and
instruction of God.

Sin is the **lack of confidence** in the **design** and **instruction** of God...
which displays itself in disobedience.

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ,

Romans 16:25-27

...in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God,

Romans 16:25-27

...so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith, to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!

***“to the only wise God
be glory forever”***

is the ultimate goal of all things in these verses.

“the obedience of faith”

is next to the ultimate goal of all things in these verses.

“the obedience of faith”

Is the **WAY** the ultimate goal
(glory of God)
is accomplished.

This is because when faith in Christ produces obedience, those obedient lives make God look glorious.

**That's what Jesus said in
Matthew 5:16:**

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

God's word is the fuel.
Faith is the heat.
Obedience is the flame.



The Bible, all of life, all of history, has this great aim:



That Jesus Christ
would be seen as
glorious & magnificent
among all the peoples
of the world...

...by means of the
obedience of Christians
which flows from their
faith in him.

Simply, obedience shows
the world the superiority
of the promises of God
to the fleeting promises
of sin.



Obedience occurs when the believer severs the root of sin's promise by the power of a superior promise...and acts accordingly.

Hebrews 11:17

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, **offered Isaac as a sacrifice**. He **who had embraced the promises** was about to sacrifice his one and only son.

Hebrews 11:24-26

By faith Moses, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. **He chose to be mistreated** along with the people of God **rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures** of sin.

Hebrews 11:24-26

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ **as of greater value** than the treasures of Egypt, **because he was looking ahead to his reward**.

Obedience begins with faith.

By faith Abraham...

By faith Moses...

What we are truly
‘trusting in’
determines our
actions.

Obedience begins
with faith in God’s
promised reward.

By faith Abraham...
embraced the promises



By faith Moses...
**was looking ahead
to his reward**



“...Abraham did not waver
through unbelief regarding the
promise of God, but was
strengthened in his faith and
gave glory to God, **being fully
persuaded** that God had power
to do **what he had promised**.”

Romans 4:20-21

If we are ‘trusting in’
what God says and
says the future holds...
we obey!

If we are ‘**trusting in**
what the world says
and hold out to us...
we disobey!

**Obedience is faith
in action.**

By faith Abraham
offered Isaac...



By faith Moses
**refused, chose,
regarded...**



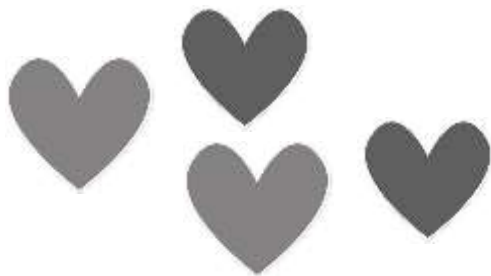
*“...faith by itself, if it does not
have works, is dead. But
someone will say, “You have
faith, and I have works.” Show
me your faith without your works,
and I will show you my faith by
my works.”*

James 2:17-18

**All true belief has
action. We act inline
with what we really
believe.**

Obedience occurs
when God & God's
promises are
cherished.

Abraham **embraced**
the promises...



Moses **regarded** Christ
as of greater **value**



We act inline with
what we love, value
and cherish most.

“Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
strength and with all your
mind...” **Luke 10:27**

*“No one can serve two
masters. Either you will hate
the one and **love the other**,
or you will be devoted to the
one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God
and money.” **Matt 6:24***

Obedience
displays true
allegiance.

Moses
*refused to be known as
the **son of Pharaoh's**
daughter... He chose to be
mistreated along
with the people of God.*

*"All these people were still **living by faith** when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, **admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.***
(Hebrews 11:13)

Our moment by
moment choices
display whose side
we are really on.

Obedience often,
if not always,
involves risk.

Abraham was about to
sacrifice his only son...



Moses chose to be
mistreated...



Our obedience to God
will often mean loss,
disadvantage, harm,
scrutiny and less
comfort in this life.

“Everyone who wants
to live **a godly life**
in Christ Jesus
will suffer persecution.”
(2 Timothy 3:12)

But it is the allegiance
to God through this
risk that makes the
world sit up and take
notice.

RISK
Next Week
IS RIGHT