

Transformed!

CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 13, 2020
THE POWER OF JOYFUL OBEDIENCE

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**



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Welcome to Blessing!

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
 who walk according to the law of the LORD.
 Blessed are those who keep his statutes
 and **seek him with all their heart**— (Psalm 119:1-2)




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— GOD BLESS YOU —

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Conference Schedule

9:00 – 10:30 AM
What is <i>God's</i> Definition of Obedience?
10:45 – 12:15
Walking in Obedience His Way
1:00 – 2:30
The Power of Joyful Obedience



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Throughout the Day

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- Questions via “chat” space
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- Break-out rooms



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Obedience Defined

What it IS and What it's NOT



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God-initiated Relationship & Blessings

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The Israelite's Agreement (v.8) *We will do everything the LORD has said.*

Preparation (v.14-15) Consecration and cleansing



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An "Exclusive" Covenant

Exodus 20

The Law Given (v.3) *You shall have no other Gods before me.*

I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God. (Exodus 20:5)



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Consecration. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*



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An Exclusive Relationship With His Bride

The Marriage Arrangement. *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-7)*



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About "Religious Rules"

Religion...

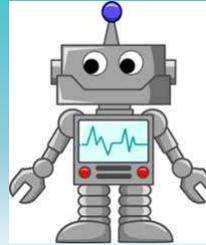
- Offers externally imposed expectations.
- Promises life IF we obey.
- Trusts in its own ability to do its best.
- Gives mental assent to the truth about Jesus.
- Is compelled towards works of "do-good" service to earn favor.



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As God's Image Bearers ...



We are not intended by him [God] to be robots wired into his instrument panel, puppets on his string or slaves dancing at the end of the whiplash of his command.

–Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*, p. 28

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Discovering the Untapped Power of Oneness in Christ

The abiding presence of Christ in us makes obedience possible and certain!

In Christ . . .

- We see Jesus as our mirror and model.
- What the law demands from us, the power of God's grace promises and performs for us.
- His grace gives life through the Holy Spirit with the assurance that we *can* obey.
- We co-labor in Jesus's Kingdom rule.



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Heaven and earth met in the person of Jesus: Son of God and Son of Man, thereby demonstrating resolution of the great conflict.

Jesus' obedience becomes the life-power of the new nature in me/us!



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From Our Place of Origin

I did not begin in you; you began in me! I am not your idea; you are mine! I have strategically positioned you in order that you may abound in much fruit bearing, wherever life leads you – fruit that would ceaselessly continue this same incarnate life of union with me! From within this place, anything that you desire has already been granted you by my Father. (John 15:16, MSB)

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Have you discovered your authentic identity in Jesus' declaration of who you are by original design?



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Mankind = Anthrospos



Ana= upwards
Tropos = manner of life, character, in like manner

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over (creation)." (Genesis 1:26)



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Agreeing With the Finished Work

*Do you not know that your bodies are **temples of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. (Romans 8:9)*




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Christ as Our Mirror



The unveiling of Christ, as defining our lives, immediately implies that, what is evident in him, is equally mirrored in you! The exact life on exhibit in Christ is now repeated in us. We are included in the same bliss and joined one-ness with him; just as his life reveals you, your life reveals him. (Colossians 3:4, MSB)



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By Beholding We Are Transformed!

*And we all, with new understanding, see ourselves in him as in a mirror. In him every face is unveiled. In gazing with wonder at the **blueprint of God** displayed in human form, we suddenly realize that we are looking into a mirror, where every feature of his image articulated in Christ is reflected within us! The Spirit of the Lord engineers this radical transformation; we are led from an inferior mindset to the revealed endorsement of our authentic identity [in Christ]. (2 Corinthians 3:18 MSB)*



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Already Complete in His Glory!

- **eikon** translates: exact resemblance, image and likeness, prototype
- "from one degree of glory to another" means from what defined us in the past (i.e. our own achievements or disappointments) back to the glory of our original design.
- We cannot become more complete in Christ than we already are; we simply grow in the knowledge and awareness of our completeness!




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As He Is – In Position in Christ

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As he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)



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Breakout!

Which of those identity statements is the most challenging for you to believe for yourself? Why?

Speak a word of identity over the other 2; something that you would attribute to Christ! (Lord and Savior are uniquely HIS!)



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Know who you are so that you can . . .



. . . act like who you are in Christ!
THAT'S OBEDIENCE!!



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What is Jesus' primary attribute?

- For God **SO loved** the world that He sent His son. (John 3:16)
- This is how we know what **love** is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (1 John 3:16)

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Obedience is LOVE!

- Christ's loving obedience gained our righteousness – the beginning of new life for us.
- If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)

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The Greatest Command

You must love the **Lord God** with all your heart, all your passion, all your energy, and your every thought. And you must love your **neighbor** as well as you love **yourself**. (Luke 10:27, TPT)

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Knowing the Times

*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, **without love**, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than **lovers of God**.*
(2 Timothy 3:1-3)

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- Anything that receives more of your time, attention, and devotion than the LORD



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In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

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Loving Self God's Way = Agreeing With the Christ in You

Do you agree with God that you are fearfully, wonderfully made and that His power to redeem every aspect of your being was sufficient?
Do you accept that you are the mirror-image of Christ?

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Agreeing with God About You

- The rightly ordered human spirit connected to Holy Spirit is the command center of the person.
- The body (with trained habits) mediates all our experiences and thoughts.
- As such, the body is not central in calling the shots, but in connecting us to our experiences in the physical world.



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Make Your Wedding Vow

In His strength, renew your vow to return to the Lord as your first love and to never willingly do anything that would offend Him. Trust Him for the faith to make the vow, the heart to keep it, and the ability to carry it out because of who you are in Him.

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My Promise to the Lord

Lord Jesus, thank you for initiating a covenant relationship with me. I accept afresh Your offer to be one with You and in You. By the power of Your Holy Spirit in me, I vow to love you, Your other image bearers and myself with the love that You have shown. I promise to honor and obey You for all eternity. I promise to keep myself wholly unto you, forsaking every idol and surrendering all of me to You alone. I will do my utmost to receive and remain in Your love so that I might bear Your image well as I reflect Your glory in the earth. Thank you for the joy and honor of being Your bride!

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The HOW of Obedience

The deepest longing of every heart is to know Christ and experience His powerful answer to a desperate cry.

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What keeps you from a life of full obedience?

Not knowing who you are in Christ?
Failure to understand the power of God's love?
Personal unwillingness?
Gideon syndrome?
Not knowing God's direction?
Fear of being judged by others?
Shame?

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The Life of Full Obedience

The secret of success in a race is to aim at a clearly defined goal from the start. We must seek to learn obedience and nothing less, in order to avoid the fatal mistake of calling Christ "Master" and yet not doing what He says. —Andrew Murray, *The Blessings of Obedience*

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Sin – “hamartian”

Ha = negative or without
Meros= portion or form; distorted pattern

The root of sin is to believe a lie about yourself because you forgot who you are in Christ.

Sin is not the things you do. Sin is being out of sync with your true identity, and thus missing out on sonship.



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Loving Self Your Way?

Self is the root of all **lack of love** and all **disobedience**. Self-will, self-pleasing, and self-seeking is the source of all sin. When we give into the flesh by overindulging in eating and drinking, when we gratify self by seeking, accepting, or rejoicing in that which indulges our pride, when self-will is allowed to assert itself and we make provision for the fulfillment of its desire, we are guilty of disobedience to His command. This gradually clouds the soul and makes the full enjoyment of His light and peace impossible.

—Andrew Murray, *The Blessings of Obedience*

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The Purpose of God’s Activities Through Us

- Hallowed be THY name
- THY Kingdom come
- THY will be done

The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying him forever.

Are you ready to be in business for God or are you in business for yourself, trying to use a little God to advance your own endeavors?

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Obedience Unto Death

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)

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Is a life of full obedience possible?

A new heart I will give you . . . And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will keep my judgements and do them. I the LORD have spoken it and I will do it. (Ezekiel 36:26-27 & 36)

See it, desire it, expect it, accept it, AGREE with it and trust Christ for it!!
Hunger and thirst after righteousness!
(Matthew 5:6)

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Key #1 - Start With a Willing Heart

Every morning:

“Help me remember who I am in Christ, and cause me to **agree with You** today in thought, word, deed, and prayer.”

Every evening:

“Thank you, Lord, for loving and keeping me today. As I sleep, Holy Spirit, instruct me with dreams, visions, and divine downloads. Make all things new in me—body, soul, and spirit. Amen.”



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Experience with God – The Best Teacher

The true scholar of a great master gladly sacrifices his own **wisdom** and **will** in order to be guided by a higher authority.

The faithful student:

- Submits self entirely to the master's leading
- Has perfect trust in his teacher
- Gives the teacher as much time and attention as is requested

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Key #2 – Establish & Utilize Your Divine Connection

1 Corinthians 12:31 *I will show you the most excellent way.*

Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

Psalms 16:7 *Even at night my heart instructs me.*

Obedience = **upoakuo** meaning, under the influence of hearing, or hearing from above

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By His perfect hearing, he forever freed mankind to hear what He had heard. He now **makes it possible for us to hear** in such a way that we may participate again in the full release of our original identity; the logos finding voice in the incarnation of us all.

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Find God & You-in-Christ in His Word

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

*As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.
(Psalm 18:30)*

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Direction from God's Word

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We should serve in the newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. (Romans 7:6)

Seek – Listen – Hear – Ask Holy Spirit to Reveal

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Rule Book vs. Play Book We need BOTH!

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Delighted to Hear His Voice!

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. (John 3:29)

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His Prisoners of Love

It's not sacrifices that really move your heart.

Burnt offerings, sin offerings—that's not what brings you joy.

But when you open my ears and speak deeply to me

I become your willing servant, your prisoner of love for life.

(Psalm 40:6, TPT)

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God's Guarantee to Hear & Answer

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

(Isaiah 58:9&11)

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

(Isaiah 65:24)

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Ready to Obey & Be Transformed as God Directs

- Trouble hearing from God?
- Are you making use of what He has been saying?
- Is your life one that He can use to reflect Him well?
- Why SHOULD He speak to you?

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Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. (Psalm 86:11)

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*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for **everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **This is my command: Love each other.** (John 15:15-17)*

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Scriptures as the revelation of what God is going to do for you, in you, and through you.

...So that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

-The walk of obedience is one that follows His voice speaking to us.

-The only power to obey comes from the living presence of God.

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Key #3 – Surrender to God's Power With Delight

"As long as there is doubt about universal obedience, and with that lurking sense of that possibility of failure, we lose the confidence that secures the victory. But when we recognize that God is asking for full obedience, we must then decide to work at it and offer Him nothing less. If we give ourselves up to the working of the divine power, the Holy Spirit can master our entire lives." --Andrew Murray, The Blessings of Obedience

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And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezekiel 36:27)

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Surrender Requires Humility

Reality—including the material world—is ultimately a kingdom in which authority, personal relationship, and communication are basic to the way things run.

We do not endeavor to leverage God's power to engineer our own desired results. We are under His authority but not in control.

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Humble & Teachable

The meek will he guide . . . In his way. (Psalm 25:9)

- Knowledge "puffs us up" with pride.
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I delight to fulfill your will, my God, for your living words are written upon the pages of my heart." (Psalm 40:8, TPT)

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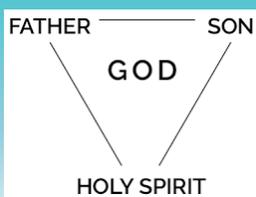
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Live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:1-2)

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The Power of 3 + Me



Christ put his own mind and Spirit into us, and placed us into Himself in the Father. From that place of abiding faith, His Spirit empowers us to think, act and live in obedience.

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Key # 4 – Honor the Christ in Others

.....*bearing with one another in love.* (Ephesians 4:1-2)

- Using your understanding or conviction to club others
- Willingness to admit that someone else might be right
- Not judging someone else's act(s) of obedience

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Key #5 – Avoid Overwhelm

- Sit first at His feet to be reminded of who His is and who you are in Him.
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- Obey out of that place of delight vs. being overwhelmed by all the things that need accomplishing.
- *Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)*

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The Easy Yoke

No one denies that we would be far better off and our world an immeasurably better place, if we were to conform in deed and spirit to who he is and what he taught. And all of our lack of understanding doesn't cancel his offer of an easy yoke and a light burden, in which our souls can find rest. That offer, like his call to follow him, is clearly made to us here and now, in the midst of this life where we labor and bear impossible burdens and cry out for rest. It's true. It's real. We have only to grasp the secret of entering into that easy yoke.

--Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, p. 3

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Application: So how is God calling YOU to a deeper faith? (Faith = Trusting Obedience!)

Clues to your specific identity in Christ and calling:

- Key scriptures
- Prophecies
- Your deepest interests, desires, longings and passions
- Areas of greatest attack

How does your calling advance His Kingdom narrative during the times we're in, or help position you and others for His next move?

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Agree With His Vision!

Acts 23:19 I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

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The Power of Joyful Obedience!

How obedience transforms YOU and the Kingdom for the Glory of God!

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The Way of Obedience Summarized

Vision

-To know, love, and trust God and you-in-Christ; to keep your marriage vow

Intention

-To glorify God (through surrendered obedience) and enjoy Him forever

Means

-Surrendered agreement with the Holy Spirit inside you

*Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you. (Psalm 73:35)*

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Steps to Synchrony and Returning to Joy:

- Quieting ourselves
- Being thankful
- Suffering well with God and others

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Obedience is Synchrony with the Father's Heart of LOVE

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that **my joy may be in you** and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:9-11)*

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Joy #2 – Transformed, Eternal, Spiritual Identity

You and I shall soon blow away from our bodies. Money, praise, poverty, opposition, these make no difference for they will all alike be forgotten in a thousand years, but this spirit which comes to a **mind set upon continuous surrender**, this spirit is timeless. -
-Frank Laubauch, *Letters by a Modern Mystic*, p.14



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Agreement with God About Who You Are IN CHRIST

For we are his workmanship [poetry, masterpieces], created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)*

Proetomasto: the notion that God prepared a highway for us to lead us out like kings, leveling the roads to make the journey with as much ease as possible (HIS effort!)

AGREE WITH GOD. ACT LIKE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST. LOVE YOURSELF WELL.

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The Light of the World

The doctrine of the inner light is not sufficiently taught to the individual believer, who is, by the very fact of relationship to Christ, indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. There is granted the direct impression of the Spirit of God on the Spirit of man, imparting the knowledge of his will in matters of the smallest and greatest importance. This has to be sought and waited for.
--G. Campbell Morgan, *God's Perfect Will*

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As He is, so are we!

I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14 & 16)

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Confidence that God always goes before us, blessing His image bearers FIRST even before asking our obedience. (e.g. the Exodus, salvation)

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- Abraham (Genesis 12) --> Bless the nations through you
- (Exodus 19) --> Bless the nations through you, Israel
- (1 Peter 2) --> Bless the nations through you, the Church

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God Uses the Obedient to Save His People

Noah, the new father of humanity acted "according to all that God commanded him." (Genesis 6:22)
So by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Romans 5:19)
To be a blessing to the world, be obedient!

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*His master replied,
'Well done, good and
faithful servant! You have
been faithful with a few
things; I will put you in
charge of many things. Come
and share your master's
happiness!'* (Matthew 25:21)

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- What a child does when he is NOT told what to do is the final indicator of who that child is.

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Joy #5 – Our Identity is Co-revealed in His Glory!

*I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not give my glory to
anyone else, nor share my
praise with carved idols. (Isaiah
42:8)*
*Those he justified, he also
glorified. (Romans 8:30)*

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Joy #5 – God’s Glory is Presently Revealed Through Christ in Us!

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:22-24)

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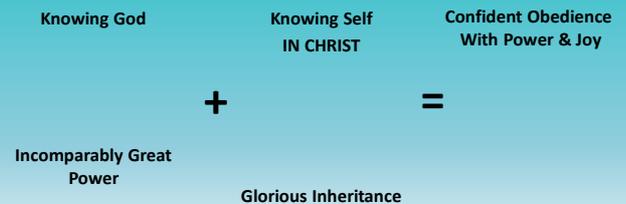
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For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

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Kingdom Transformation Ingredients



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Obedience Defined – AGREE WITH GOD

- God initiates the call to covenant; we vow to agree.
- God redeemed our sin nature in Christ. It's gone!
- When we know who we are we can act like who we are by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- When we act like who we are in Christ, the Kingdom advances and God's glory is revealed in and through us!
- Joy springs forth from:
 - Synchrony with God
 - Transformed spiritual identity
 - Kingdom purpose and momentum
 - Being entrusted with creativity
 - God's Glory revealed

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*The Spirit and the Bride say,
"Come!" (Revelation 22:17)*

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Talk it Out – A Radical Change in Practice

- 1) Which benefit of obedience inspires you most? Why?
- 2) How will you stay intentional in obedience after today?
- 3) Pray for one another!

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With God, ALL Things Are Possible!

- 1) We must take the need for human transformation seriously!
- 2) Through realistic methods, ordinary humans can become a love-filled, effective, powerful community in Christ.
- 3) We become like Christ in character and power when we arrange our whole lives around the types of activities Christ himself practiced to remain constantly at home in the fellowship of his Father.

--Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, p.ix

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Walk it Out

- Study Jesus' attributes.
- Practice LISTENING!
(2-Way Prayer Aug. 29th
acmin.org/fall-2020/)
- Seek ways to love God.
- Seek ways to love others.
- Act like who you are in Christ.
- Trust God for His power to OBEY.
- Rejoice with thanksgiving always!

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