Our Life of Obedience to God

Hold on Tight!

1. **Introduction:** The religious world tells us that there’s nothing we can do about our salvation, but Romans 1:20-23 shows us that those condemned by God are lost because of the actions they choose for themselves. Romans 1:28-32, the worldly are lost because of their actions.
2. **The is No Exemption to OBEDIENCE to God’s Word:**
3. Apostles – Acts 5:28-29 Examples of Actions of Obedience to God
4. The Lord Jesus Christ! – Philippians 2:8 OBEDIENT to the point of death!
5. Christians–Romans 6:16-18 OBEDIENCE =SLAVERY, but we choose our master!
6. Jesus and His Faithful – Hebrews 5:8-9 OBEDIENCE. OBEY!
7. **OBEDIENCE to God’s Word means:**
8. ‘Pray the “Sinner’s Prayer”’? There is no Scripture for this.
9. “We all sin every day.” We all sin continually: “We can’t help it; it’s our nature!” “We are all sinners.” Life is about choices. Sin is bad choices!
10. God’s Plan of Salvation:
11. **Hear the Word of God**
* Romans 10:16-17 faith is in hearing the Word of God. “Hear” is to obey!
* John 5:24 “shall not come into Judgment.” What a massive victory!
1. **Believe God at His Word**
* Mark 16:16, believe and be baptized to be saved.
* John 8:24, Jesus tells lost sinners to believe in Him.
1. **Repent of our Sins (Not of our “sin”)**
* Acts 2:38, repentance ~ ‘about face’ From sin + To God.
* Luke 13:5, who wants to escape absolute ruin?
1. **Confess Jesus**
* Romans 10:9-10, confess Jesus, acknowledging His Deity and resurrection.
* Matthew 10:32-33, there is no middle ground. Confession is a way of life!
1. **Be Baptized into Christ**
* Acts 22:16, wash away your sins!
* Galatians 3:26-27, faith means baptism INTO Christ to PUT ON Christ!
1. **Be Faithful (Obedient) Until Death**
* John 8:31-32, “IFF you abide in My Word…” Know it and DO it!
* Revelation 2:10-11, be faithful UNTIL death. That could include UNTO…
1. **Being Faithful Until Death – Our Life, Our Walk, A Demonstration of Our Grit & Fortitude**
2. Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego, Daniel 3:15-18. Do you feel wrath & flames?
* It was not the Jews that told on them, but locals. Jealousy?
1. Daniel and the Lion’s Den, Daniel 6:10-20, who did God work this miracle for?
2. Disciples in Stormy Sea with Jesus, Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; Mark 4:35-41
3. Stephen Before the Council, Acts 6:8-15, did he back-peddle, back off or run?
4. The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-36, imagine the danger and enormous cost!
5. The Widow at Zarephath, I Kings 17:8-12, what did she do that was admirable?
6. Naaman the Leper, 2 Kings 5:1-4, 9-12, he came so close to losing out, but…
* Luke 4:23-27, not everyone is willing to accept the goodness of God.
1. Disciples Alone on the Stormy Sea, Matthew 14:22-27, real men face real terror!
2. Peter Walking on the Water, Matthew 14:27-33, we must keep our eyes on JESUS!

**Do we trust God with ‘big picture’ but not day to day? Would we willingly & deliberately risk it all to obey God’s Word? How’s YOUR faith? Is it what God expects it to be?**

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. NKJV

YES, YOU CAN! 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. NKJV

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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