

Human Obedience and God's Approval

Luke 3:21-22

Luke 3:21-22 – ²¹When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.” (CSB)

I. Jesus example teaches us to be **obedient** to God's commands.

Deuteronomy 11:1 - Therefore, love the Lord your God and always keep his mandate and his statutes, ordinances, and commands.
(CSB)

John 14:15 – If you love me, you will keep my commands. (CSB)

A. Jesus obeyed God by being **praying**.

Luke 18:1 – pray always and not give up. (CSB)

Romans 12:12 – be persistent in prayer (CSB)

Ephesians 6:18 – Pray at all times (CSB)

Colossians 4:2 – Devote yourselves to prayer (CSB)

B. Jesus obeyed God by **baptized**.

II. Jesus' example teaches us that God is **pleased** when we obey Him.

A. God opens up heaven to us and gives us the special blessing of His **presence**.

Ephesians 1:3 – Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. (CSB)

Ephesians 2:4-6 – ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, ⁵made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, (CSB)

B. God reveals His Spirit **in** us and **through** us.

Ezekiel 36:27 – I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances. (CSB)

2 Timothy 1:14 – Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you. (NASB)

Thought For The Week:

If Jesus communed with God through prayer as He pursued obedience, **how much more should we?**

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