

Series: A Healthy Church

“Obeying Christ’s Last Command”

Matthew 28:19, 20

Big Idea: Obedience to God’s Word brings blessing; disobedience brings conflict.

1. Where do we find the commands of Jesus Christ?

Jesus’ commands are found in His Word, the Holy Bible

*1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.*

*24 Scripture says, The grass withers and the flower fades.*

*25 But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.*

*Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away but my Word will not pass away.*

If I love Jesus I will obey His commands, His Word

*John 8:31 Jesus said, ‘If you continue to abide in My Word, you are truly my followers.*

*John 14:15 If you love me you will keep my commands.*

*John 14:21 Those who know my commands and obey them are the ones who love me, and my Father will love those who love me.*

2. What are the two greatest commands?

Love God with all your heart soul and mind.

Love your neighbor like you love yourself. Luke 10:27

3. What was Jesus’ first command?

Matthew 4:19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

What did Jesus’ disciples do when they heard it?

Matthew 4:20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

They obeyed.

What is obedience?

“Obedience is doing NOW what God tells me to do, with the right heart attitude.”

4. What was Jesus’ last command?

*Matthew 28:19 ...go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*20 Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age."*

Go

Make followers of Jesus everywhere

Baptize them and teach them to do everything Jesus said.

What is the blessing of obeying this last command of Jesus?

*Psalm 126:5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.*

*6 He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall without any doubt come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.*

What is the seed? - the Word of God. (Matthew 13:19)

What are the sheaves? - souls harvested for Jesus Christ.

Illus: of Civil War battle where a Union soldier kept on charging after the bugler sounded retreat. His buddies were all afraid he was captured or dead. Suddenly, they heard a shout and saw Joe coming through the woods with a Confederate soldier as a prisoner!

They cried out, "Joe we thought you were dead. Where did you get that rebel prisoner."

Joe said, "The woods are full of them; you all could have had one, if you wanted one!"

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