

HOW TO OBEY GOD

John 14.15-24 // May 16, 2021

THE SPIRIT AS OUR GUARANTEE

Jesus tells His disciples that He is sending them “another Helper,” One who will be given to be with them “forever.” The Spirit is not given with conditions we must meet; He is given to be with us forever. He is our down payment, the “guarantee of our inheritance,” and our “seal of redemption.” He is proof that Jesus will return for us.

2 Corinthians 5.1-9 // 2 Corinthians 1.20-22 // Ephesians 1.13, 14, 4.30-5.3

KEEPING OUR VOWS

We get another picture of the giving of a promise in the design of marriage. To outsiders looking at a Christian marriage, they might only see two people who enjoy each other’s company, but the Christian couple knows there is something greater. Namely, that they are actually one with each other. Similarly, an outsider looking at a Christian might only see an individual that aims to obey a certain set of teachings and rules, but a believer knows that there is something greater than that. Namely, that they are actually one with God.

Song of Solomon 8.6, 7 // Romans 6.1, 2

The guarantee of God’s commitment to us does not encourage lawlessness any more than a marriage vow encourages marital lawlessness.

WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

**Religion says, “I obey, therefore God loves me.”
Relationship says, “God loves me, therefore I obey.”**

You worship and obey whatever you deem most essential for life and happiness. When someone or something drives your behavior and emotions and decision making, it is an idol. God’s authority, and God’s ways must be greater and more beautiful to us than our desires.

Being saved isn’t about learning to obey a bunch of rules; it’s about adoring God so much that we would gladly give up anything to follow Him. It doesn’t matter if we have spiritual gifts or doctrinal mastery or radical obedience if we don’t have an actual love for Him.

**We don’t change by being told what to do,
We change by being told what Jesus has done for us.**

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 14.15-24**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

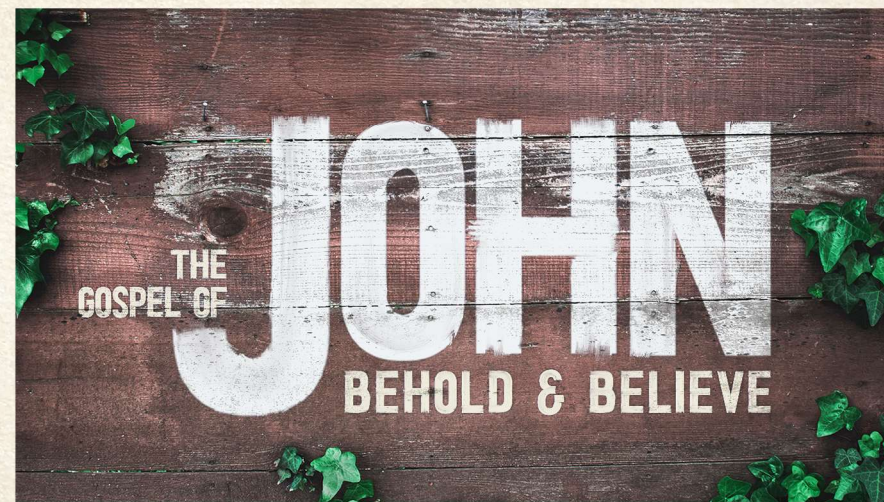
So much Good News in this text! How does the guarantee of the Spirit living in you *forever* change how you see your daily life and fight against sin, as well as your standing before God? How should that change your day to day living?

Your Life Mission

You are not alone in your Life Mission. You have a Helper who leads you into all truth, and gives you strength in your weakness. What conversations do you need prayer for, maybe some that you are fearful or nervous about because you feel "out of your league"? The bad news is you *are* out of your league, but the Good News is that you are *not* out of the Spirit's league!

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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