

Jeremiah 31:33

33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

This is precisely why
obedience is evidence
of our faith and trust in
God and in His Word.



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The reverse is also true. Disobedience is evidence of our lack of faith and trust in God. Asking ourselves the question, “Do we want to avoid sin or not?” is the same as asking ourselves, “Do we want to be obedient to God’s Law or not?”

When we habitually and continuously sin by not being obedient, then we enter the state of being rebellious. This is what Scripture teaches will happen to us if we practice such acts of disobedience:



Hebrews 10:26-31

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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5. Obedience to His law
makes us His peculiar
people.



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Exodus 19:5

“Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:”

Deuteronomy 26:18

“Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments,”

Titus 2:14

Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

1 Peter 2:8-9

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light:

The world finds
obeying God strange
and peculiar. We are
called to follow God's
ways, not the world's
ways.



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6. Obedience is
righteousness.



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2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

1 John 3:7

“Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.”

1 John 3:10

“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest:

Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.”

Peter states that it is better to not have known the way of righteousness than to turn from it after we understand it. On the day of judgment for believers, we will be judged more harshly by what we should have known through the reading of His Word and also by what we taught others.

2 Peter 2:21

“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”

1 John 5:17

“All unrighteousness is sin.”

Romans 14:23

“To know to do right and not do it is
sin.”

As defined earlier, sin is transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). Thus, unrighteousness is breaking God's law, and righteousness is obviously obedience to God's law. However, our own righteousness, by keeping God's law, will never be righteousness enough to save us.

It takes the righteousness that we receive in faith in Christ, who was the perfect righteousness on our behalf, because we all fall short. That is the righteousness we need first.

Philippians 3:9

“And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”