

Sermon Supplement from January 21

Obedience Isn't Optional | 1 John 2:1-6

Warm Up

- Do you tend more toward rule-keeping or rule-breaking? Have you wrestled with legalism or license in your Christian walk?

Dig In

Read 1 John 2:1-2 – Obedience is the Expectation

- John refers to his readers as “my little children.” Why is tone important when we are talking with people about God’s expectations?
- For what purpose does John say he writes in verse 1?
- Do you believe that freedom from sin is possible?
- What does it mean that Jesus is both our “Advocate” and our “Propitiation”? Why is each important?

Read 1 John 2:3-6 – Obedience is the Evidence which gives us Assurance

- What is the difference between knowing about someone and really knowing someone? How does this apply to knowing God?
- Why is it important that we obey FROM a relationship with God and not FOR a relationship with God?
- How does our obedience give us assurance that we truly know God?
- What does the Gospel of John 14:15,21,23 add to our understanding of the importance of obedience?
- What does it mean to “walk in the same way in which he walked”? (verse 6)

Wrap Up

- Are there specific areas of obedience where the Holy Spirit is convicting you?
- In what ways has this study challenged the way you think, feel, or act?

Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 2:7-11

- *Read the text several times in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*