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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2022
 Theme
 Be Ye Imitators of Christ
 Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
 Sunday AM: 50
 Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Mark Maudlin
Is preaching today

We are now in week #49 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn & Mark Maudlin,
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,
 Novema Dunn, Debby Spears
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon
 Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
Obeying God's Commands
 Heb 5:8-9 Mt. 7:21, Rev. 22:14

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
Mark 14: 22-25

Scripture Reading
 AM: John 3:14-17
 PM: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 15
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 17

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Our Theme for 2022...
"Being Imitators of Christ"
 1 Cor. 11:1
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The Goodness of God

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



Reading: John 3:14-17

Grace and Mercy
 Psalms 8:3-9
 Psalms 13:5-6
 Psalms 89:1-2
 Luke 6:36
 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
 Ephesians 2:4-10
 Titus 2:11-14
 Joel 2:12-13

Supplier
 Philippians 4:18-20
 Ephesians 3:20-21
 2 Peter 1:2-4
 Psalms 84:11-12
 Matthew 11:28-30

Love
 1 John 4:7-11
 John 3:14-17
 Romans 5:8-11
 Matthew 18:10-14
 Luke 22:39-45

Righteous
 1 John 3:7
 Romans 1:16-17
 Romans 3:21-23
 Romans 10:1-3
 James 1:20

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Covenants of the Bible

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Covenants in the Old Testament

Noah- Genesis 6:18-22

All Mankind- Genesis 9:8-16

Abram- Genesis 15:18-21

Abraham- Genesis 17:1-5

Children of Israel- Exodus 19:3-5

Sabbath- Exodus 31:14-16

Israel broke the covenant- Judges 2:1-2

Old Law with Israel- Deuteronomy 4:12-14

Land Covenant- 1 Chronicles 16:14-18

Covenants Mentioned in the New Testament

John 6:43-45 (quoted from Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Matthew 26:28

1 Corinthians 11:25

2 Corinthians 3:6

Ephesians 2:14-16

Hebrews 8:6-13

Hebrews 9:15

Hebrews 12:22-24

Colossians 2:14

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OBEDIENCE IS A CHOICE

“Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:8,9).

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM JESUS IS THE LESSON OF VOLUNTARY OBEDIENCE TO GOD. Even with His unique relationship to the Heavenly Father, Jesus still had to *choose to obey*. “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.” In making this difficult choice, “he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.”

In the New Testament, we are urged to have the same attitude toward obedience that Jesus had, even if it means setting aside personal preferences (Philippians 2:5–8). We can’t claim to be Jesus’ followers if we don’t emulate His reverence in doing what is *right*. For Jesus, the question “What is God’s will?” was the only question worth asking. It was the end of every discussion.

But also like Jesus, we must understand the *decisiveness* of obedience. If He always did what was right, it wasn’t because He was carried along by some irresistible force. Instead, he “learned obedience,” freely and voluntarily making the choice to submit to God’s will. And nowhere do we see His agony in this choice any more painfully than in Gethsemane: “And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done’” (Luke 22:41,42).

No matter how complicated the scenario, doing what is right is always an option. When we face hard decisions, it will be helpful if we’ve established habits of obedience previously. But even so, obedience is a choice that must be made moment by moment. In the life of obedience, there is no such thing as “autopilot.”

There is no way around it: *obedience requires discipline*. And discipline comes from deciding what is most important to us. So if you’re a Christian, I recommend that you meditate on Paul’s exhortation: “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). Valuing our hope more highly than anything else, we will pursue that hope with passionate discipline. *Turning back is a choice we will choose not to make — period.*

“The Christian life is never automatic” (Erwin W. Lutzer).

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