

POSTMODERNISM

All truth is relative.*

*(Except this statement.)

Postmodernism

- Where there is no insistence on obedience to a universally accepted moral standard, then all things are tolerated!
 - "Do your own thing!"
 - Nothing can be labeled as "sinful"
 - No act is clearly right or wrong

1 John 2

3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 Whoever says, "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him ..."

JESUS



Our Example In Obedience!

“Behold, I have come to do Your will!”

Hebrews 10:7

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 4:34 - "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.'"
- 5:19 - "So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does likewise.'"

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 5:30 - "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."
- 5:36 - "But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent Me."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 6:38 - "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 7:16 - "So Jesus answered them, 'My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.'
- 17 - If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.
- 18 - The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 8:26 - "I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."
- 27 - They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father.
- 28 - So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me.
- 29 - And He who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 10:18 - "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority' to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 12:48 - "The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- 49 - For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has given me a commandment - what to say and what to speak.
- 50 - And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say just as the Father has told me."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- 14:10 - "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- 14:31 - ... but I do as the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father."

Jesus & Obedience In John's Gospel

- "It is for the Father to initiate; it is for the Son to obey. It is for the Father to show the Son what to do; it is for the Son to follow the Father's example."
- **F.F. Bruce, *The Gospel of John***



Jesus' Obedience Sets The Bar High For Us!

- "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father in heaven ... your will be done!'"
Matthew 6:9-10
- "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother!" **Matthew 12:50**

JESUS



Our Example In Obedience!

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:8

