

NEW CHRISTIAN BASICS – Part Eight: OBEDIENCE, WITNESS, COMMUNION and FORGIVE

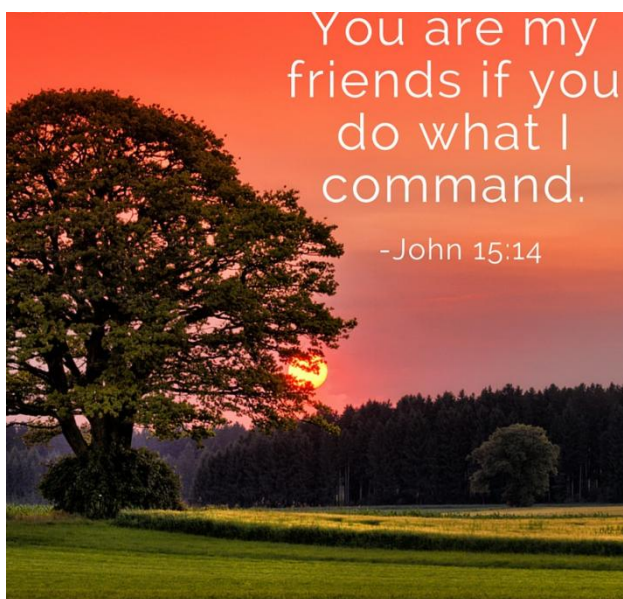
OBEDIENCE

John 14:15 - If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

John 14:21 - He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Matt.22:37-40 - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.



1 Sam. 15:22 - And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

When you really love Him and give Him your life, you want to obey Him and please Him and stop living for yourself. You will want to be about Your Father's business.

Heb.3:19 – So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Heb. 4:11 – Let us labour (desire) therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (disobedience = rebellion = witchcraft).

Rev. 22:14 – Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

IF YOU ARE NOT DOING JESUS' COMMANDMENTS – YOU WILL NOT ENTER HEAVEN.

Three Hearts Church Teaching "Salvation, Works and Obedience"

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WITNESS TO OTHERS

MARK 16:15 - And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (to all the creation).

Pray before you witness, it is a fight and the devil doesn't want to lose what is in his grasp.

Each one of us are to make disciples. We are to have a mentor, someone with more experience to teach us and in that same manner we then turn to those who are newer in their faith and we disciple them. If you are a parent, then you should be discipling your children.

Matt.28:18-20 – And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Spirit): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.



Witness of Christ to others, pray with them.



L: Me baptizing Lucas R: Pastor Erustus and church members baptizing

Luke 9:23-24 - And He said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it.

If you are scared of persecution and scared of what the world will do to you for standing for Jesus and so you are hiding and not doing anything for His Kingdom, you are not worthy of Him. If you are hanging on to the world and don't want to

reach out and receive Jesus and let go of your worldly life, you are not worthy of Jesus.

Luke 14:27 - And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.

COMMUNION

Gen. 14:18-19 – And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and He was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth:

Salem was the original name for Jerusalem, Psalm 76:2 bears this out. Salem means peaceful.



So here is a priest of God and he brings out the things that are used in communion. This is the first time we see communion in the Bible.

Heb. 10:12 - But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

The Levitical priesthood always stood when ministering before the Lord and offering sacrifices. Jesus was after a priesthood that had no beginning and no end. The Levitical priesthood was flesh and eventually died off. Jesus sat down because His work was finished but the Levites had to stand because their work of continuing to offer sacrifices was never complete.



Matt.26-29 – And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom.

Jesus was reinstating the Melchizedek priesthood which is the highest and original priesthood. Melchizedek was both king and priest but under the law of Moses kingship and priesthood were separated.

1 Cor. 10:14-22 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion (sharing/fellowship) of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion (sharing/fellowship) of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? That the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?



You can't love your sin and drink from satan's table and then turn around and drink from the Lord's table too. You cannot serve two masters.

1 Cor. 11:23 – 32 – For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew (proclaim) the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation (judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

To take communion unworthily is to be a sinner, not even saved and partake. If you are a Christian and have sin standing between yourself and God that you know of, you must not partake until you confess and repent. You want to come before the LORD in holy righteousness knowing you have confessed all and repented from all and are washed in Jesus' blood and walking in obedience to the best of your ability. This is serious. It is no small thing that the Lord Jesus Christ did for each one of us. You want to think about what happened to His body and

think about His holy blood flowing from His body as He was being offered as our sacrifice.

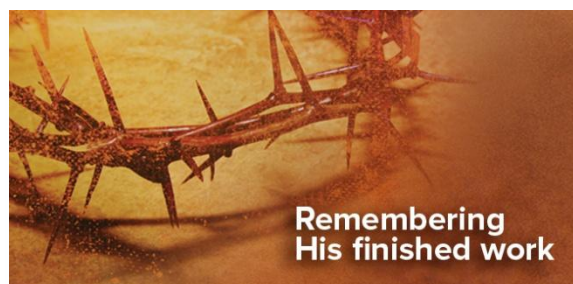
Discern the body rightly. Look at the bread and see Jesus' body. His body was bruised for our iniquities. The stripes on His body and the nail scarred hands. He gave His body so we could be healed. By the stripes He took in His flesh, we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5) He shed His blood so we could be forgiven of our sins and redeemed back to God. (Eph.1:7) This is salvation and deliverance.

Who are the ones who are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord? Those that have never come and acknowledged Him as Savior and Lord of their lives. They are the ones who leave Him on the cross crucified. They don't recognize why He did it and that He was resurrected and that He lives forever more.

PARTAKING WRONGLY CAN BE A CAUSE OF SICKNESS AND EVEN PREMATURE DEATH.

In taking communion you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, to the world, to the unseen world, to other Christians. You are saying Jesus died and shed His blood for you to redeem you, you are proclaiming your faith in Him as Savior, you are proclaiming your faith in His atoning death on your behalf.

REMEMBRANCE



This is a commandment. God wants you to remember that Jesus died for you. Anytime you question, does God love me? Is He here? Remember what Jesus did on that cross and what God did in giving Jesus for us. You proclaim this until He comes again. So you look back and remember His death and at the same time you long for His return.

John 6:53-58 – Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. **This is figurative or symbolic – not literally. The bread doesn't turn into Jesus' flesh in your mouth nor does the wine turn into Jesus' blood in your body after you drink. God didn't want us to be like vampires and zombies.**

V.54 Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

To understand that this is not to be thought of as eating Jesus' flesh or drinking His actual blood, remember He was there in the flesh in front of the disciples. They did not cut a piece of Jesus' skin and pass it around or cut Him and try to drink from His blood. This is an act of faith and of obedience and showing that you honor Jesus for what He did.

FORGIVE



Matt.6:15 - But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

CLOSING



You are only poisoning yourself by not forgiving.

Matt.5:23-24 - Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

This was speaking of giving sacrifices in the Old Testament, bringing this forward it still applies today. God does not want you coming to Him unless you have forgiven and reconciled with those that you have grievances with.

Matt.18:21-22 - Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Remember Jesus on the cross said, Father forgive them for they know not what they do. He showed great mercy in even asking His Father to forgive them while they were in the very act of persecuting and crucifying Him. We are called to be like Him and forgive all.

I want to leave you with some scripture about false prophets and teachers.
scripture:

Matt.24:4 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Matt.7:15 - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

We are about to watch a powerful video clip from Paul Washer on this subject. I don't know anything about him, but I know what is in this video is the truth.

****Please play this video****

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRjGuAp-ic4&index=7&list=PLnZ974mrg_PFEMY00CUAI7YFPyO7x6bVp

Thank you April for sharing that video with me.

PRAYER

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Paul Washer - Joel Osteen and False Teachers

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