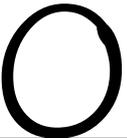
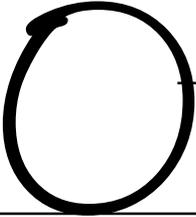




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... Obey is better than sacrifice...

I Samuel 15:22

Obedience is one of the most important words for a Christian to learn. To obey is to do what others ask. When we do what someone says, it is obeying. The opposite of obeying is rebelling. God hates rebellion in *I Samuel 15:23*, "For rebellion is as the s \_\_\_\_\_ of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and i \_\_\_\_\_..." God wants us to obey.

**We should always have the right attitude in obedience.**

**1. Obedience ought to be a delight.**



*Psalms 40:8*, "I delight to do thy w \_\_\_\_\_, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Obey with all our heart and soul. *Deuteronomy 26:16*, "This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments (Bible): thou shalt therefore k \_\_\_\_\_ and d \_\_\_\_\_ them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul."

**2. Obedience requires us to be strong and very courageous.**

*Joshua 1:7*, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest o \_\_\_\_\_ to do according to a \_\_\_\_\_ the law (Bible), ..."

**3. When we obey we need to make haste (quickly do it).**

*Psalms 119:60*, "I made haste, and d \_\_\_\_\_ not to keep thy commandments." When we are told to do something we should do it with a good attitude. Do it the best way we know how and do it right away.

**God tells us we should be obedient to:**

**Parents.**

*Colossians 3:20*, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well p \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord." We should always try to obey our parents or legal guardians. God set it up this way to protect us. Even Jesus by his example obeyed his parents.



**Authority.**



*Hebrews 13:17*, "O \_\_\_\_\_ them that have the r \_\_\_\_\_ over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." We should obey everyone that has authority over us as: the teachers in school, the policemen in town, the government in society, the babysitters at home and the Pastor of the church - *Hebrews 13:7*, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you (preached) the w \_\_\_\_\_ of God: ..." God sees if we are not obeying. *Proverbs 15:3* "The eyes of the LORD are in every p \_\_\_\_\_, beholding the evil and the good."



**God.**

*Deuteronomy 13:4*, "Ye shall w \_\_\_\_\_ after the LORD your God, and f \_\_\_\_\_ him, and k \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments, and o \_\_\_\_\_ his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him." God wants us to

obey Him and serve Him. Since God is our heavenly Father we should be obedient children. One of the first things God tells us to do is keep His commandments *John 14:15*, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The first commandment after getting saved is being Baptized.

**What is Baptism?**

**1. It is a command after being saved.**

*Acts 2:38*, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This is not a choice.

**2. It is a picture of Christ** dying on the cross, being buried three days and rising again. Just like a picture of your family on the wall. Baptism shows what Jesus did for us.



**How do you get baptised?**

**1. You have to be saved or a believer, first.**

*Acts 8:12* "But when they heard Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

**2. You must be put under the water - not sprinkled or poured with water.**

*Mark 1:10*, "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:" Jesus came out of the water which means He was under the water. *Acts 8:38-39*, "... and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." The Ethiopian went into the water and came up out of the water.

This is the proper way to be baptized.



Baptism is a picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection

What happens when you are baptized?

1. You are being an obedient person.

2. You are not being saved again.

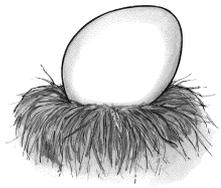
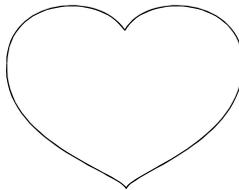
*Ephesians 2:8-9*, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

**3. There is no magical feeling.** Praying, reading your Bible, witnessing and getting baptized are obeying God's commandments. We are doing what God told us to do. Baptism is a command. For example: if your parents told you to take out the garbage - you do it. We don't get special feelings for doing it. We're just being obedient. Ask your pastor about getting baptized.

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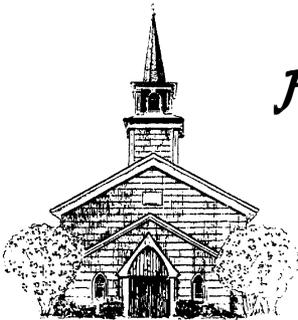
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