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Minneapolis - St. Paul Church Of Christ

God's Love Language

Question: How can you know if you *really love God*?

O B E D I E N C E




“If you love me, keep my commands.”

- Jesus; John 14:15




“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one
who loves me.”

- Jesus; John 14:21




“Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

- Jesus; John 14:23




“Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

- Jesus; John 14:24



“If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in
his love.”

-Jesus; John 15:10



“This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.”

- John; 1 John 5:2

“We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God_□ is truly made complete in them.”

-John; 1 John 2:3-5a



“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his
commands.”

-John; 2 John 1:6



“In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,”

-John; 1 John 5:3


Point: The proof of your love *for* God is in your *obedience* *to* him

2 ASPECTS OF OBEDIENCE

1. A relationship *of* obedience

Question: How *do you view your relationship* with God?

MASTER - SLAVE



““No one can serve two *masters*. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both **God** and **money**.”


- Jesus; Matthew 6:24

Master ≠ Employer




“he made himself nothing, by taking the very nature of
a servant...”

- Paul; Philippians 2:6-8




“Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does”

- Jesus; John 5:19



“So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up¹ the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.”

- Jesus; John 8:28



“... but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

- Jesus; John 14:31

Question: How *do you view your relationship* with God?

Obedience ≠ *Agreement*


Point: When we *obey* God out of agreement, we *don't obey* God.

Jesus is LORD (Master). I am His *slave*.




“Paul, a *servant* of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God”

- Paul; Romans 1:1



“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your *servants* to speak your word with great boldness.”

- Peter & John; Acts 4:29



“Paul and Timothy, *servants* of Christ Jesus...
Epaphras, who is one of you and a *servant* of Christ
Jesus, sends greetings.”

- Paul; Phil 1:1, Colossians 4:12



“James, a *servant* of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ”

- James; James 1:1




“Jude, a *servant* of Jesus Christ and a brother of James”

-Jude; Jude 1:1


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2. Obedience maintained *by* repentance



“Peter replied, “**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...”

- Luke; Acts 2:38



“*Godly sorrow* brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but *worldly sorrow* brings death.”

- Paul; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

Worldly sorrow = *worthless* sorrow


Godly sorrow —> *repentance*

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves *no regret*, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what *earnestness*, what *eagerness* to clear yourselves, what *indignation*, what *alarm*, what *longing*, what *concern*, what *readiness to see justice done*. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.”

-Paul; 2 Corinthians 7:11

Obedience maintained *by* repentance

Perfect Obedience



“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

- John; 1 John 1:7

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

- Titus; Titus 2:11-14

Question: How can you know if you *really love God*?

Not in our feelings. But in our OBEDIENCE

God's *love* language is **OBEDIENCE**