



Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Obedience: Why Obey God?

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We all learn early in our lives that we must obey our parents, teachers, and the civil authorities. Nevertheless, obedience is not an easy concept to master as a child and can still be problematic for us as adults. Being obedient somehow seems to go against the grain, as it were. It conflicts with our human nature. This is because our human nature is a sinful one.

We would prefer to be somewhat obedient, some of the time. We don't like to be told how, when, where, why and what to do and yet we all still need boundaries and rules to live by. Hmmm!

The Bible tells of our sinful nature, indicating that we are inclined to hate God and even our neighbour. Our whole life is a constant battle with sinful desires and inclinations.

This is quite negative stuff! Yet we do not have to look too far to find it. Disobedience is in our own backyard as well as our schools, workplaces and even our governments. There is plenty to go around!

There is no doubt that sin has negative consequences in our personal lives. The results are also quite evident in the moral decline of society. We need not worry about the collapse of the world, however. God is still in charge and he upholds and governs all of his creation until the end of time.

God has given us his Word and in it is the demand for perfect obedience. He will send the Holy Spirit to help us if we only ask in prayer and believe in him. He knows our sins and weaknesses very well. Christ overcame them all. He was obedient to God even unto death.

Being obedient starts at home. We need to look at ourselves in the mirror of God's law and ask ourselves tough questions. Are we obedient to those in authority over us? Are we obedient to God?

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