

Sermon Discussion Questions for February 14, 2016

John 4:30-34; 6:38-40; "Jesus Is Obedient"

Introduction: Obedience is not a dirty word!

*Life-giving *Mission-accomplishing *Soul-satisfying *Christian identifying

Context: Woman at the well (*John 4:1-29*) – Jesus introduces a dual meaning of *water*
Our text (*John 4:30-34*) – Jesus introduces the dual meaning of *food*

A. The Obedience of Jesus: (*vs. 34 - My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work*)

1. Eating is a metaphor that suggests that which is perpetual, habitual, and critical
2. Jesus was always on a "diet of devotion"; always had a "hunger for holiness"
John 5:30: I can do nothing on My own . . . I seek not My will but the will of Him who sent Me.
John 8:29: 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.
3. Jesus: a man on a mission, with a mission (*John 6:38-40*)
For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day.

Note: If Jesus were not obedient to the mission that God gave Him . . .

- You would not be sitting here today
- You would still be dead in your sins
- You would still be a child of wrath
- You would still be in darkness
- You would not know the joy of salvation
- You would not know the fellowship of the saints
- You would not know the privilege of worship
- You would not possess the promise of heaven

Doctrinal Question: In order to have a saving relationship with the Holy God of the Bible, you must first be completely obedient to His Word and will? – *Romans 5:18-19*, *Philippians 2:8* - GOSPEL GRACE: Because Jesus did obey the Father, you . . .

B. Christian obedience: *Rom. 6:17; 1 Pt. 1:2,22; Jn 3:36; Act 5:29; Eph. 6:1,5; Hb. 13:1; 1 Jn. 5:2-3*

C. Pastoral observations about obedience in the church: four of many areas of concern

1. Relationships
2. Finances
3. Sexuality
4. Love of neighbor

D. "What one thing must you do to become a better Christian?" (Jack Miller) – *Romans 1:5*

E. Henry V: Act 3, the siege of Harfleur: "What say you, will you yield?" - What say you?