

EVERY TRACK EVERY WEEK

WEEK 10: Leader Study Guide

Christ's Perfect Obedience on Our Behalf

-Welcome!

-Intro: Thanks for being here! Revisit last week's points

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INTRO:

Hi, and welcome to Every Track Every Week. My name is _____ and I am involved with Texas FCA Motocross through _____. I've been involved with FCA MX for _____ years and my favorite thing about the ministry is _____.

This week's discussion is based upon episode #5 of our podcast "The Gospel Driven Athlete", titled "Christ's Perfect Obedience on Our Behalf." This week we will look at what exactly Christ accomplished for us. Was it enough that Christ died in our place? Or, did He in fact have to do more than simply die? What made His death matter?

-Ice Breaker Question: What do you think Jesus was like when he was young? Was He perfect when he was a little boy, a pre-teen, a teenager, just like He was when He was grown up?

**We don't have a ton of info about Jesus from when He was young.*

**Jesus had 4 "half-brothers" and at least 3 sisters (Matt 13:55-56).*

**Jesus was more than just a model teenager. He was sinless.*

**Jesus was perfect as a child just like he was as an adult. (John 8:29) This includes His perfect obedience to His earthly parents (Mary and Joseph), as well as to God.*

-Question 1: How would you define obedience?

***Answer:**

1) Obedience- compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.

2) Doing what you're told... and not doing what your told not to do...

-Question 2: What do you think God requires from us, in terms of obedience? Does He give us any slack?

***ANSWER:**

1) Perfect obedience.



2) It is important to have a right framework for which to understand how God deals with obedience and ultimately sin. He deals with them in absolutes- black and white. Either we have FULLY obeyed in thought, word, and deed (100% of the time), or we have been FULLY disobedient. Romans 2:6-16. When He speaks of there being honor and immortality for those who do well and wrath and fury for those who do not obey the truth, He means that there is honor and immortality for those who ALWAYS have and ALWAYS will "do well", and wrath and fury for those who have ever (in any way) not obeyed the truth (God's Law), because even one act of disobedience qualifies us as disobedient.

3) If we are at all honest, we would all admit that none of us are, nor have we ever been, perfectly obedient. Therefore, as we talked about last week, God has wrath stored up for us, unless we are in Christ. If we are in Christ, His righteousness has been imputed to us... His perfection has been passed on to us.

Question 3: If Christ is our only hope for being seen as perfect and perfectly obedient by a righteous and just God, how can we be confident that Christ was in fact perfect Himself? Are there external proofs, other than the fact that the Bible says so, for the fact that Jesus was and is perfectly obedient?

***ANSWER:**

1) In **John 8:46**, Jesus asks a group of Jews who are mad at Him for His teaching, *"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?"* The really interesting thing to note is that Jesus did not hesitate to assert this fact in front of His 12 disciples, who he had lived, ministered, and traveled with for 3 years straight- 24 hours a day. They of all people would have spoken up if He had been lying. Think about it- how many of you have close friends or even one close friend? Friends that you have spent countless hours with? These are some of the people who know you the best. Although they probably really like you, they are usually the first to point out when you're stretching the truth, or straight up lying.

2) His disciples and His family never attempted to call Him out as a liar.

3) Even Pilate (who sentenced Jesus to die on the cross) said that he found no wrong whatsoever in Jesus, but sent Him away to be crucified on account of the Pharisees stirring up a riot. (Matt 27:22-24, Mark 15:14-15, Luke 23:13-24)

4) The disciples went on to be martyred for their faith in Christ, specifically that He lived a perfect life in their place. (11 of the 12)

-Question 4: Based on the fact that God places Jesus' perfect obedience on us (even though we have done NOTHING to deserve this), say about God's character?



ANSWER:

- 1) (1Cor 13:4-8) For those who are in Christ, He is patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not rude, He is long-suffering, forgiving, keeps no records of wrong etc.
- 2) He is just (moral, ethical, proper, impartial, unprejudiced) in requiring our perfect obedience, since He Himself is perfect and Holy (or “separate from sin” as we talked about last week)
- 3) He is justifier- although He is just in requiring our perfection, He Himself is the One who came to do the justifying (defending us before God).

-Question 5: How should these things inform our actions and our lives?

ANSWER:

- 1) Rom 6:1-6 Should we go on sinning? By no means!
- 2) These attributes of God, and the fact that He extends them to us, should drive our motivations towards good. The more we dwell on His attributes and the more we dwell in Him, the more He changes our hearts and minds (Ezekiel 11:19).

-Lets pray.

