

New Covenant Life

A special report for Christians who desire to live
victoriously in obedience to Jesus Christ

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reading the Bible consistently is difficult, memorizing Bible verses is even more difficult and obeying the commandments of Jesus is humanly impossible.

Today's digital marketplace is filled with Bible apps that have successfully transformed the Word of God from printed paper to digital ink, allowing the Bible to be accessed anywhere the internet is available. Although the challenge of distributing Bibles has largely been addressed, the lack of Bible engagement is a more seminal problem that affects nearly everyone. The Bible is the most valuable thing we have in the world, yet engaging with it on a consistent basis remains one of the most difficult spiritual disciplines.

Bible engagement can be defined as Scripture reading, comprehension and application.

This special report explains how the life and words of Jesus give his followers every resource necessary to obey his commandments and live victoriously under the new covenant in his blood.

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INTRODUCTION

As Christians, we know the truth because we know Jesus.

As followers of Christ, we have an immense standard to follow, we must be perfect even as our heavenly father is perfect.

The standard set by Jesus, however, is unattainable for mere mortals. Flesh and blood cannot achieve the standard of perfection and obedience that God desires. In order to reconcile this paradox, we must look at the supernatural life and words of Jesus under the new covenant in his blood.

LIFE IN JESUS

In order to properly imitate the life of Christ, we need to draw our entire sustenance from the spiritual bread of life, from the fountain of living water, from the great I AM.

Jesus is the root and the vine from which we, the branches, must find all our nourishment.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.¹

¹ John 15:5 ESV

But how does the metaphorical branch abide in the vine? Practically speaking, how does a Christian abide in Christ? The answer is quite simply *obedience*. If we obey Jesus' commandments then we will abide in him.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.²

The key to abiding in Christ and in his love is *obedience*. If we only obey, we will live in the abiding presence of Jesus. But how do we obey?

WORDS OF JESUS

Just as Jesus lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, so we too must walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. In order to live according to the Spirit, practically speaking, we must focus on two elements: the word of Christ and our mind.

The word of Christ is powerful. Jesus declared to his disciples,

Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.³

and again he says,

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.⁴

² John 15:10 ESV

³ John 15:3 ESV

⁴ John 15:7 ESV

When we allow God's Word to abide in us, we treasure it in our heart and value it in our mind. The act of focusing our mind on the word of Christ is both a physical act of [obedience](#) and a spiritual act of worship. This form of obedience and worship invokes the power of the Holy Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁵

By setting your mind on the things of the Spirit, you are renewing your mind and presenting your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

NEW COVENANT IN JESUS' BLOOD

God has established a new and better covenant with his people. It is precisely this covenant in Jesus' blood that provides a new and living way to enter into the presence of God. Jesus inaugurated the new covenant when he took the passover meal with his disciples before he was crucified.

This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.⁶

The author of Hebrews delineates the new covenant by quoting from the prophet Jeremiah, who through the Holy Spirit declared the exact terms of the new covenant.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

⁵ Romans 8:5 ESV

⁶ Luke 22:20b ESV

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”⁷

Indeed, the new covenant is better than the old covenant. We now have direct access to God, we have his laws written on our mind and inscribed on our heart and our sins have been forgiven.

CONCLUSION

Although flesh and blood cannot achieve the standard of perfection and obedience that God desires, there is victory in the new covenant and holiness in the life and words of Jesus.

Life in Jesus

The Christian life requires that we live beyond the capacity of this world, beyond the ability of our flesh to make decisions. We must abide in the supernatural presence of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, by keeping the commandments of Jesus.

Words of Jesus

True and sincere obedience is only possible when you set your mind on the things of the Spirit and allow God’s Word to abide in you.

The New Covenant

If you have entrusted your soul to a faithful Creator, you are safe and secure under the new covenant in Jesus’ blood. You have direct access to God, his laws are written on your mind and inscribed on your heart and your sins have been forgiven.

⁷ Hebrews 10:15-17 ESV

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

God, in his grace, has given us every resource necessary to live victoriously in obedience to Christ. Our primary resource is the abiding life of Jesus, experienced through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Our standard is perfect holiness, our goal is the glory of God and our reward is eternal.

So what should I do? [Set your mind on the things of the Spirit and allow God's Word to abide in you.](#) These are two essentially biblical disciplines that will help you live victoriously in obedience to God.

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