

# SIMPLICITY IS FOUND IN OBEDIENCE

*Every one is looking for simple answers, in a world that is getting more complex by the minute. The trouble is, many of the simple answers are wrong... many of the complex answers are equally flawed as well. The simplicity of Christ is found in the complexity of God's bible, not in the complexity of human understanding. Simplicity results from obedience to God... not through ignorance of the depths of Christ.*

**Jesus amplifies the requirements relating to his teachings on salvation.**

**MAT 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. *Our life involves much more than the food we eat... it has spiritual obligations as well... in fact, every word that God has spoken.*

**Not only are we directed to live by every word, but we are also encouraged to be obedient in all things.**

**2COR 2:9** For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in **all** things. *Paul gave them many instructions, both detailed and simple, but they got results by obeying God's principles. How can we obey if we are ignorant?*

**Despite the fact that Paul spoke about total obedience, he also spoke of the simplicity in Christ.**

**2 COR 11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. *Satan's invitation was to be personally independent... use God's blessings, but do it your own way. To reject Godly directives and replace them with your own thoughts... the results were... simplicity from Christ, not simplicity in Christ.*

**Simplicity from Christ results from the same problem that came upon Adam and Eve... wilful ignorance.**

**PRO 1:22** How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? *People often scorn direction and detail because of their own opinions. Remember Jesus' words at the start of this document... live by and obey every word of God.*

**Jesus came to save people from their sins, not to save people in their sins.**

**2 COR 5:15** And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. *If we would be saved, we must be willing to turn from our sins to live as He directs us. If we are determined to live for ourselves...to live in sin, we cannot be saved. The requirement is simple: we must repent and obey God's directives.*

**Simplicity from complexity is not difficult... obey God and results will follow.**

**ACT 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. *There was no question about their ability to understand because, "those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them," v41. They understood what to do and did it... 3000 of them. What could be simpler or plainer than a joyful acceptance of god's ways?*

**Again Jesus appeals to people to follow the simplicity and easy solution to life.**

**MAT 11:29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

**30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *This is only true if we obey!!!*

**In closing we quote the simple wisdom of King David.**

**PSA 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making **wise the simple**. *Obedience to God's words bring wisdom and open up the hidden truths.*

**8** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

**9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**10** More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. *We are obliged to search out God's law, to study it, obey it, build upon it... then results will follow. Much more important and satisfying than material wealth and emotional pleasures.*