

# Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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## Obedience

Establishment of a law is for the sole purpose of obedience; in order to preserve safety and order. God's government also has a law to preserve a holy nation. After the fall of man, we became unable to keep the law of our own accord. Romans 8:3 explains this as "for what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh." Was God's law abolished then? Are we no longer under the law?

**Opening prayer:** Heavenly Father, we seek to know the answers to these questions. Guide us into the knowledge we seek, to know and serve You better. In the name of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

**Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is God telling us about the law and obedience?**

1. *Romans 3:23* "For \_\_\_ have sinned, and come \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"
2. *Psalms 32:5* "I acknowledged my \_\_\_ unto thee, and mine \_\_\_\_\_ have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."
3. *Revelation 12:9* "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
4. *Isaiah 64:6* "But we are all as an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and all our \_\_\_\_\_ are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."
5. *Jeremiah 13:23* "Can the Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_ his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do \_\_\_\_\_, that are accustomed to do \_\_\_\_\_"
6. *John 15:5* "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that \_\_\_\_\_ in me, and I in him, the same \_\_\_\_\_ forth much fruit: for \_\_\_\_\_ me ye can do nothing."
7. *Colossians 2:9-10* "For in him dwelleth all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Godhead bodily. And ye are \_\_\_\_\_ in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"
8. *Philippians 4:13* "I can do \_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_ Christ which strengtheneth me."

9. *2 Corinthians 12:9* "And he said unto me, My \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for thee: for my \_\_\_\_\_ is made perfect in weakness."

10. *Romans 3:24-26* "Being \_\_\_\_\_ freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are \_\_\_\_\_, through the forbearance of God;"

11. *James 2:14-26* "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath \_\_\_\_\_, and have not \_\_\_\_\_? can faith \_\_\_\_\_ him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being \_\_\_\_\_. Yea a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my \_\_\_\_\_ by my \_\_\_\_\_. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know O vain man, that faith without works is \_\_\_\_\_? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect: And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see how that by works a man is \_\_\_\_\_, and not by faith only."

**From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?**

That \_\_\_ have violated the law of God, and cannot of themselves \_\_\_\_\_ obedience to his \_\_\_\_\_ requirements, we are dependent on \_\_\_\_\_, first, for justification from our \_\_\_\_\_ offenses, and secondly, for \_\_\_\_\_ whereby to render acceptable \_\_\_\_\_ to his holy law in time to come."

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**Closing prayer:** Holy Father, You have clearly provided a way through Your Son, Jesus Christ. And this not only for the remission of sins in our past but also for the fulfillment of the law in our lives currently. Obedience is made possible through the power of Jesus Christ. Guide us in each thought, word, decision, and action to obey, submitting our will to Yours. Bring us spiritual discernment to make right choices. In the name of our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

Answers: 1. all, short 2. sin, iniquity 3. deceiveth, whole 4. unclean, righteousnesses 5. change, good, evil 6. abideth, bringeth, without 7. fullness, complete 8. all, through 9. grace, strength 10. justified, propitiation, past 11. faith, works, save, alone, faith, works, dead, offered, justified