



WHEN CHRIST CORRECTS

TIMELY TRUTHS THAT PACK A PUNCH
2 CORINTHIANS 13:3-4

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1. Obey _____ (v.3)

2 Cor. 13:3 *since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you.*
4 *For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.* (ESV)

2. Obey _____ (v.4a)

3. Obey _____ (v.4b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 119:60**. How have you seen quick obedience bring blessing or protection that delayed obedience would have likely forfeited?
2. Read **James 4:17**. Why are "sins of omission" (failing to do the good we know we should do) often easier to excuse than overt acts of disobedience? Why should we stop making that distinction?
3. Read **Joshua 1:7-9**. Joshua needed courage not only to enter a battlefield but also to obey everything God commanded. In what areas of your life does faithful obedience require courage?
4. Read **Mark 14:50**. Jesus remained faithful even when his disciples abandoned him. What truths and convictions must be firmly established in your life so that you will obey God even when others refuse to stand with you?
5. Read **Isaiah 66:1-2**. How should seeing God as infinitely exalted, and attentive to those who tremble at his Word, shape the way we read and respond to Scripture?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 20-04 – **Declaring the Blessings of Obedience**
Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way**
Msg. 14-07 – **Understanding Obedience as Christ Does**
Msg. 23-06 – **When it Demands Your Life**
Msg. 16-13 – **Knowing Genuine Repentance**
Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**
Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Aug. 16thPs.105-106 & Ro.15:1-20
Aug. 17th Ps.107-108 & Ro.15:21-33
Aug. 18thPs.109-111 & Ro.16
Aug. 19thPs.112-115 & 1Cor.1
Aug. 20thPs.116-118 & 1Cor.2
Aug. 21stPs.119:1-48 & 1Cor.3
Aug. 22ndPs.119:49-104 & 1 Cor.4
Aug. 23rdPs.119:105-176 & 1Cor.5

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P&R Publishing, 2011.
Bunyan, John. **A Treatise of the Fear of God**. CreateSpace, 2011.
Dyer, Larry E. **Baptism: The Believer's First Obedience**. Kregel Publications, 2000.
Frank, Arnold L. **The Fear of God: A Forgotten Doctrine**. Nordskog Publishing, 2008.
Kistler, Don. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.
Lewis, C. S. **The Screwtape Letters**. Barbour Publishing, 1990.
Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.
Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P&R Publishing, 2014.
Needham, David C. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New-Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.
Nyquist, Paul. **Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture**. Moody Publishers, 2015.
Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.
Sproul, R. C. **What Does It Mean to Be Born Again?** Reformation Trust Publishing, 2019.