

Obedience

Romans 5:12-21

What does obedience mean to you?

Websters Dictionary ☞ obey: to carry out the orders of...
to be guided by

What does disobedience look like? Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-19 (p. 4)

What commandment(s) had God given to Adam?

Look at the 10 Commandments are elements of that in this one?

What happened? What went wrong?

What were the penalties for the three parties involved?

Paul draws a comparison between Adam and Jesus (the “second Adam”)

Adam (disobedient)	Jesus (obedient)
Actions:	Actions:
Immediate Result:	Immediate Result:
End Result:	End Result:

Romans 5:12-21 (p. 1753)

Paul used Abraham as an example of faith

He now uses Adam and Jesus as examples (good and bad)



But there wasn't The Law before Moses' time!

Verse 15 Paul's math: GRACE > sin

"The many" — v. 15 and 19 compare to v. 18

Paul's logic: If... then (how much more) v. 15 & 17

v. 18-19 Christ got us out of the mess Adam got us into.

Verse 20 comparison

NIV

The law was brought in so that
the trespass might increase.

NRSV

But law came in, with the result
that the trespass multiplied.

The Message

All that passing laws against sin did
was produce more lawbreakers.

v. 21 Christ turns humanity in a new direction

His obedience gave mankind a new goal: life through grace

Is Paul trying to undo biology? If Adam had not sinned, would we not die?

"Faith comes with obedience. Without obedience, there can be no faith."

"We are not made right with God by good works, but we are not made right with him
without good works."

Shirley Guthrie Jr.

"No one should be surprised at the difficulty of faith if there is some part of his life
where he is consciously resisting or disobeying the commandment of Jesus — some
sinful passion, some animosity, some selfish hope. ... Go and be reconciled with your
brother renounce the sin which holds you fast — and then you will recover your
faith! If you dismiss the word of God's command, you will not receive his word of
grace. ... The man who disobeys cannot believe, for only he who obeys can believe."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"In Abraham we see faithful obedience, in Jesus obedient faith."

David L. Bartlett

Trust & Obey
When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.