

THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING

1 John 2:3-6 Jeff Schreve

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. 1 John 2:3-6

Why is obedience such a key component of the Christian life?

1. Obedience is proof of genuine salvation.

- A. Salvation is knowing God personally, not intellectually.
- B. Those who know Him want to keep His commandments.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:2
- C. Those who don't know Him don't walk the talk.

2. Obedience is proof of genuine love.

- A. Obedience to the Lord reveals that you know He really loves you, and you really love Him back.
- B. Obedience problems reveal heart problems.
Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth. Psalm 119:88

3. Obedience is proof of a genuine disciple.

- A. True believers act and react like Jesus.
- B. True believers depend upon the Holy Spirit.

As you consider your life, does the pudding say true or false?