



SEEK FIRST

Matthew 6:33



Seek first *throughout* the week.



John 14:15-26

Loving Jesus is equated with
keeping His commands.

OBEYING OUT OF LOVE

- A person's delight is in the law of the Lord. -Psalm 1
- The precepts of the Lord make the heart glad, the commands of the Lord make the eyes light up. -Psalm 19
- I delight to do your will. -Psalm 40
- I rejoice in your decrees and delight in your statutes. -Psalm 119

What is our motivation for
following Jesus' commands?

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"There is only one Being who can completely satisfy to the absolute depth of the hurting human heart, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ."

-My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers

MOTIVATIONS FOR OBEYING

- Earning God's favor..... Insecurity/unworthiness
- Avoiding God's punishment..... Fear/condemnation
- Control..... Anxiety/uncertainty
- Image management..... Shame/insecurity
- Quiet our conscience..... Guilt/avoidance
- Meet expectations of others..... Rejection/approval
- Get some blessing..... Discontentment/emptiness

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But how can we
live in freedom?



The Father will give you **another Counselor,**
the Spirit of truth, to be with you forever.”

-John 14:16

JESUS...

- Intercedes and advocates on our behalf (Romans 8; Hebrews 7)
- Is our advocate to the Father (1 John 2)
- Is the Truth (John 14:6)
- Comforts those who mourn (Matthew 5)
- Welcomes the weary to rest (Matthew 11)
- Comforts, saying “do not let your hearts be troubled” (John 14)

“Jesus has been Immanuel, ‘God with us’;
now the Holy Spirit is God in us.”

-This Day with the Master, Dennis Kinlaw

“The Holy Spirit is not an ‘it’.
He is a Person.”

–Steve Elliott

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We can rely on and live in the
power of the Holy Spirit.

“I believe that this missing something is actually a missing Someone – namely, the Holy Spirit. Without Him, people operate in their own strength and only accomplish human-size results.”

-The Forgotten God, Francis Chan

When you invite Jesus into your
life as your Lord and Savior, you
receive the Holy Spirit.



“We will make **our** home...”

-John 14:23

**One God, existing as
three Persons.**

PETER ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- The Spirit sanctifies and is part of God's saving work in believers. -1 Peter 1:2
- Those ridiculed for the name of Christ are blessed because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on them. -1 Peter 4:14
- No prophecy ever came by the will of man; men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. -2 Peter 1:21

JOHN ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Believers have an anointing from the Spirit of truth -1 John 2:20
- The anointing of the Spirit teaches them. -1 John 2:27
- Jesus remains in us from the Spirit he has given us.
-1 John 3:24, 4:13
- Those who know God know the Spirit of truth. -1 John 4:6
- The Spirit testifies, the Spirit is truth. -1 John 5:6
- God has given us eternal life, and this life is in the Son, who is in us. -1 John 5:11-13

We are not orphans!

What does it look like to live
by the Spirit every day?

Live from a place of dependence on the Spirit's presence, not our own strength.

“Holy Spirit, give me the grace to think and do what is right. I cannot sustain myself, nor walk faithfully in my own strength. Enable me to desire what is good, to discern what is true, and to live according to your will. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.”

Ask the Spirit to remind us of
things we've learned and been told.

“Holy Spirit, guide my steps today. In conversations and situations, bring to mind the truths of your Word so that I may be a blessing to those I come in contact with. May I go through my day with my heart and mind set on things above, not on earthly things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Invite the Holy Spirit to help us
obey Jesus simply out of love.

“Jesus, before you my heart is open and every hidden thing laid bare. By the quiet work of your Holy Spirit, untangle my disordered desires and turn my affections toward you, not to earn your love but out of the overflow of my love for who you are. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.”

