

**WHAT OBEDIENCE
SAYS TO GOD**

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“I have Faith in God”

“I Fear and Revere God”

“I Love God”

OBEDIENCE SAYS I HAVE FAITH

- Faith is necessary to please God – Heb. 11:6
- Saving faith is expressed in obedience
 - Faith not expressed by obeying God is dead – Jas. 2:14-17
 - Abraham expressed his faith by obeying God – Heb. 11:8; Gen. 12:1-4
- Obeying God says you have saving faith!

OBEDIENCE SAYS I FEAR AND REVERE GOD

- Fear and reverence have always been required – Deut. 6:13; Ps. 89:7; Mal. 1:6
- Fear and reverence are directly connected to obedience
 - God’s commands to fear Him included obedience – Deut. 6:1-2, 24-25
 - Abraham expressed his fear of God in obedience – Gen. 22:1-2, 12
 - Fear and reverence are expressed by our obedience – Heb. 12:28-29; 2 Cor. 7:1; Acts 10:34-35

OBEDIENCE SAYS I LOVE GOD

- Love for God is foundational to our relationship with Him
 - Deut. 7:6-11
 - God chose Israel because He *chose* to love them – 7:6-8
 - So, Israel was to know God as the God who is faithful toward those who love and obey Him – 7:9-11
 - Obedience to God's law was how Israel learned to express their love
- Christians express their love to God by obeying – 1 Jn. 4:19; Jn. 14:15, 23-24; 1 Jn. 5:2-3

CONCLUSION

- Obeying God says...
 - I have saving faith
 - I fear and revere God
 - I love God

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

**“THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE
STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS
ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD,
KNOWING THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN
IN THE LORD” – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**