**The Call to Christian Obedience – Rom. 1:5; 16:26**

Rom. 1: 5 – 6 - through whom we have received grace and apostleship **to bring about the obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles for His name sake, among whom you also are called of Jesus Christ

Rom. 16:25 -27 – Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, **leading to obedience of faith**, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen

**Focal Truth: Obedient faith trusts God & obeys God**

**Observations**

1. Those who believe in Jesus Christ obey the Gospel – Rom. 1:5
2. Those who place their faith in God obey God’s commands – Rom. 1:5
3. God secures those who believe the gospel & the preaching of Jesus Christ – Rom. 16:25
4. The mystery of the gospel hid from past ages is believed by faith – Rom. 16:25
5. The Old Testament prophets promises of the gospel of Christ are believed by faith - Rom. 16:26
6. God’s eternal commandment provided the gospel of Christ which is believed by faith – Rom. 16:26
7. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been declared to the nations & believed by faith – Rom. 16:26
8. Believing the gospel is the first act of obedience – Rom. 16:26
9. By faith God’s people obey Him – Heb. 11
10. Heb. 11:4 – by faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice
11. Heb. 11:7 – by faith Noah in reverence to God built an ark
12. Heb. 11:8 – by faith Abraham when he was called obeyed by going not knowing where
13. Heb. 11:17 – by faith Abraham offered up Isaac
14. Heb. 11:27 – by faith Moses left Egypt
15. Heb. 11:28 – by faith Moses kept the Passover
16. Heb. 11:29 – by faith Moses passed through the Red Sea
17. Heb. 11:30 – by faith the walls of Jericho fell down after being encircled for seven days
18. Heb. 11:31 – by faith Rahab welcomed the spies in peace
19. Heb. 11:33 – by faith many others conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword
20. Obeying Jesus Christ is believing in Jesus Christ
21. 1 Pet. 1:2 – according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood, may grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.
22. John 3:36 – He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him
23. Acts 6:7 – the word of God kept on spreading and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

**Things to Remember**

1. Obedient faith believes the promises of the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. Obedient faith obeys God’s commands
3. Trusting God leads to obeying God
4. Obedient faith is a full obedience – Ps. 119:6 – I will not be ashamed when I observe all your commandments
5. Obedient faith obeys only God’s word – Ps. 119:4,5 – You have commanded us to keep your precepts diligently, oh that my ways were directed to keep your statutes
6. Obedient faith grows in obedience – Rev. 2:19 – for I know your work, love and service and faith, and your patience and your works, and the last are more than the first
7. Obedient faith is obedience of a son not a slave – John 8:29 - for I do always those things that please Him
8. Obedient faith blesses others – Rom. 16:19 – for your obedience is come abroad unto all men…

**Daily Use**

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ & be saved
2. Trust God’s promises & trust God’s will
3. Trust God’s word & do what obey His commands
4. Trust & obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust & obey!