

“The Power to Obey”
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: The gospel of Jesus Christ is God’s power to obey his will.

God demands obedience of us, but the good news of the gospel is that God also supplies the power to obey. That’s the difference between the saved and the unsaved. The saved have God himself dwelling in us, supplying the power to obey. This is because the gospel is the good news that Jesus has already accomplished what God requires of us. We simply believe it and put it into practice through faith. Since Paul is talking to regenerated believers, the imperatives he lays down are not meant to be lived out in a legalistic, burdensome way, but are to be carried out in the power of God’s Spirit living in us.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:16-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “The Power to Obey.”

DIG IN

1. The Gospel is God’s Power to Believe. (Romans 1:16)

In what ways is the gospel the power of God? The power to be saved? The power to be sanctified?

In what ways does the gospel grow our faith (see v. 17)?

In what ways is the gospel God’s power to resurrect and regenerate (see Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:23-25)?

2. The Gospel is God’s Power to Serve.

In what ways might one serve according to the gospel (see 1 Peter 4:11)?

Do you believe that God’s Word is his work? Why or why not?

How might God’s Word strengthen us for service?

3. The Gospel is God’s Power to Obey.

Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and 11:20: In what ways does God’s giving us a new heart enable us to obey him?

In what ways can it be said that God’s grace doesn’t take away his demands but fulfills them in Christ (see Philippians 2:12-13)?

Does this mean we don’t work? Why or why not?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?