

# WE KEEP GOD'S COMMANDS

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**Sermon Theme:** Those who do not keep God's commands are liars and do not know the truth that Christ died to deliver them not only from the presence of sin, but the power of sin. True believers, however, habitually and increasingly keep God's commands and therefore have a growing assurance of salvation.

## **I. Rejection of Obedience – Read 1 John 3:4-10**

- A. Read 1 John 2:3-6. In what ways have the false teachers rejected obedience?
  
- B. According to 1 John 3:4-10, what is a clear mark that you abide in Jesus?
  
- C. What does it mean to “make a practice of sinning”? How is this different from the Christian?

## **II. Requirement of Obedience – Read 1 John 2:3-5**

- A. What observations do you make from the text? According to John, what does it mean to keep God's commandments?
  
- B. John states, “And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.” How is it possible to have assurance of salvation when we do not perfectly keep God's commandments?
  
- C. What is the connection between knowing Jesus and obeying God's commands? Would you say that it is possible to know Christ and not obey God's commands? Why or why not?
  
- D. What does it look like to have a growing delight in God's commands?

## **III. Walking in Obedience - Application**

- A. Read 1 John 2:6. How would you interpret this verse? What does it look like to live like Christ?
  
- B. How should obedience to God's commands lead to further joy in Christ now and forever?
  
- C. How would you like to grow in love for Christ that causes you to walk in obedience to God?