

# Sermon Notes

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## Gospel Obedience

Philippians 2:12-18

### I. THE FOUNDATION OF OBEDIENCE: A CHRISTIAN CHURCH MUST GO LOW BEFORE IT CAN GO HIGH.

*(Philippians 2:9-11) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*(1 Peter 3:15) But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*

### II. THE WORK OF OBEDIENCE: A CHRISTIAN CHURCH MUST WORK OUT AS GOD WORKS IN.

*(Philippians 2:12-13) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

### III. THE POSTURE OF OBEDIENCE: A CHRISTIAN CHURCH MUST HOLD ON WHILE IT HOLDS OUT.

*(Philippians 2:14-17) Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.*

## For Reflection

- How would your obedience change if Christ was more often “set apart as Lord in your heart?”
- How would you characterize your obedience? Is it more like “Comment Card” or “Blast Radius” obedience?
- What specifically about Christ and the gospel must you hold onto in order to hold out life to others?