

Reasons Why You Should Be Obedient
Ecc 2:9-11
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Thesis: I want to show reasons why you should be obedient.

Intro: 1. Many people have reasons or excuses for their disobedience.
2. What are some reasons you should be obedient?

I. You should be obedient because Heaven and Hell are real.

A. Jesus Preached about hell

1. The word "Gehenna" is used 12 times in the New Testament.
 - a. Jesus used it 11 of the 12 times (Mt 5:22,29-40; Mt 10:28; 18:8-9; 23:15,33)
2. Christ used terms like "destruction" not "annihilation" (Mt 9:17); perish (Mt 18:14); "lose life" (Mt 16:26).
3. Christ discussed hell in the parables.
 - a. Parable of the Tares (Mt 13:42)
 - b. Fish net (Mt 13:50)

B. What the Bible says about heaven

1. Heaven is where God & righteousness dwell (2 Pt 3:13)
2. Heaven is where only the faithful are allowed (Rev 22:14-15)

II. You should be obedient because sin is a real problem.

A. Sin comes with a high price.

1. Sin separates man from God (Isa 59:1-2)
 - a. When we are separated from God then we are in darkness (1 Jn 1:5-6)
 - b. Sin is a snare that will keep us trapped until we change (Heb 12:1)

B. Christ paid the price

1. **Mark 10:45b** (ransom)
2. **Romans 6:23**

C. Man still can be condemned...

1. John 3:16 – Christ died but man kind's salvation was still in the "should" category.
2. Obedience brings salvation and hope, rebellion brings death (Rom 6:7-13)

III. You should be obedient because You only have one life (Application)

A. This physical life is not forever

1. **Psalm 39:4-7**

- a. Where is your hope?

B. What does **Philippians 1:22** mean to you?

1. What did this mean to the Apostle Paul?
2. What does this mean to you?

Application & Conclusion:

1. We have only looked at a few reasons to be obedient, there are too many to count.
2. Have you found enough reasons to be faithful?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9