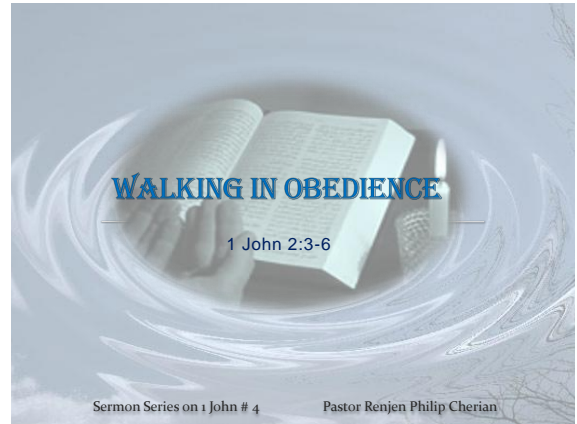


1 John 2: 3-6

v.3 Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments.
 v.4 Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist;
 v.5 but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him:
 v.6 whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.



Knowledge of God leads to Obedience to the commandments of God

- Knowledge referred here is not "intellectual" knowledge but a closer relationship with God accompanied by a deeper experience
- Knowledge of God leads a person to complete and continual obedience to God
- A complete and continual obedience to God results in divine blessings in life

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Obedience to God leads to Perfection in love of God

- V.5 says "if any one obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in him"
- Just like a child who obeys the guidelines given by his/her parents make the parents happy, our obedience to Lord make His love perfect in us
- Likewise our obedience to our Lord reveals our perfect love towards him

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Abiding in God leads to Walk just as He walked

- Abide means a permanent and intimate association
- Abiding results in transforming our life-style to that of the life-style of Christ

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