Cornerstones Of Faith "Performing God's Statutes" Psalm 119:112

A Changed Life BEGINS with **OBEDIENCE** to GOD.

SIX Specific WAYS the Bible instructs us to OBEY GOD.

- 1. RECOGNIZE YOU'RE A NEW CREATION (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)
- After you come to Christ, you may LOOK the Same but <u>Inside</u> you're Radically Different.
- Now that you're a <u>NEW Creation</u>, you're given a <u>Clean Slate</u>, a <u>Fresh Start</u> & a <u>New Nature</u> that <u>No Longer Lives</u> for <u>Self</u> but for <u>HE who Died for you</u>
- 2. <u>FOLLOW</u> JESUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY (Hebrews 12:1-3)
- The Christian's life is <u>NOT</u> a SHORT-Sprint Race...it's a LONG-Distance Run.
- We must remember <u>FOR</u> Whom & <u>TO</u> Whom we are running: <u>Jesus Christ</u>.
- 3. OFFER GOD MORE THAN LIP SERVICE (Matthew 23:25-28)
- On the <u>Outside</u>, the Pharisees were the <u>Cleanest</u> of the Clean, the <u>most righteous</u> people around, but Jesus said on the <u>Inside</u> they were <u>Filthy</u>.
- Jesus is not as concerned with <u>Appearance</u> on the <u>Outside</u> as the <u>Reality</u> on the <u>Inside</u>.
- 4. **LIVE IN GOD'S LOVE (John 15:9-11)**
- THIS is the SAME Message He gives to You & I TODAY..."LIVE in His LOVE"
- 1.) **REALIZE** You Have The **Love Of Jesus**
- 2.) <u>LIVE</u> in God's Love By <u>Obeying</u> His Commands
- 3.) FOLLOW The Example of Jesus
- 4.) REAP The Reward of Obedience: Overflowing JOY
- 5. <u>PUT ON GOD'S ARMOR (Romans 13:11-14)</u>
- Let Him be PART of Everything you DO, Let Him GO Everywhere you GO, & Let Him ACT Through You in Every Decision you MAKE.
- TIME is Short...LIVE in the Light...RELY On Him For Strength
- 6. ALLOW GOD TO OCCUPY YOUR THOUGHTS (Colossians 3:2-4)
- Our MIND is the BATTLEFIELD.
- One of the Strongest <u>Ways</u> you can <u>AVOID</u> going back to your OLD way of life is to <u>FOCUS</u> on your Savior & the Future He has Planned for you.
- "PERFORMING God's Statutes" will <u>Supply</u> the world with REAL <u>Evidence</u> of a <u>Christ-Changed</u> life.