

Series: The Power of Agreement (Week 3)
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Anchor Passage: Romans 5:18–19

Big Idea

Agreement with God was broken through humanity's disobedience and independence, but it is fully restored through the obedience, reconciliation, and finished work of Jesus Christ. Restoration begins with what Christ has already accomplished through His life, death, and resurrection. Through Christ, separation is removed, relationship is restored, and alignment with God becomes possible again. Agreement is repaired by trusting fully in the work of the Cross and learning to live from the restored alignment Christ secured. True agreement begins internally through transformation by the Spirit and is then lived out externally in obedience and community.

Key Insights

- **Agreement Is Restored Through Christ's Obedience:** What disobedience broke could only be restored through perfect obedience. Scripture reveals that agreement with God was shattered when Adam chose independence over submission, but it was fully restored when Jesus chose obedience over self-will. Where Adam stepped out of alignment, Christ remained fully aligned with the Father. Jesus' obedience was complete, costly, and proven through suffering, culminating in the Cross. Agreement with God is restored not because humanity obeys perfectly, but because Christ obeyed fully on humanity's behalf, repairing what disobedience destroyed (Romans 5:18–19; Philippians 2:8; John 6:38; Hebrews 5:8–9).
- **Agreement Is Restored Through Reconciliation With God:** Alignment cannot exist where relationship is broken, and agreement cannot be restored while separation remains. Sin produced relational distance from God, making alignment impossible. Scripture teaches that reconciliation originates with God, not human effort, and that through Christ the barrier of separation was removed. Relationship was restored before agreement could follow, allowing closeness, peace, and access to God once again. Agreement grows naturally where reconciliation has already taken place (2 Corinthians 5:18–19; Romans 5:10–11; Colossians 1:19–20).
- **Agreement Is Restored Through the Cross, Not Self-Effort:** What self-effort could never fix, the Cross fully restored. Distance from God was caused by sin, not lack of effort, and therefore effort was never the solution. The Cross removed the dividing wall of hostility and ended life lived independently from God. Through Christ's death, the barrier of sin was destroyed, and a new identity was established. Agreement is restored when self-rule is crucified and dependence on Christ replaces self-reliance (Ephesians 2:13–16; Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6–7).
- **Agreement Is Restored Internally Before It Is Lived Externally:** Lasting agreement begins in the heart before it ever appears in behavior. God restores alignment by transforming the inner life through the Holy Spirit rather than relying on external rules. Scripture shows that obedience becomes possible when the heart is renewed and God's Spirit works within. Internal transformation produces sustainable alignment, allowing obedience to flow naturally rather than being forced (Ezekiel 36:26–27; Romans 8:1–4; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Jeremiah 31:33).
- **Agreement Is Restored to Be Lived Out in Community:** Restored agreement is never meant to remain private but is designed to be expressed in shared life. Scripture teaches that restored alignment with God reshapes relationships within the body of Christ, forming a unified people built together on Christ as the cornerstone. Unity among believers serves as visible evidence of restored agreement and strengthens the witness of the gospel. Agreement allows diversity without division because all are aligned with the same Lord (Ephesians 2:19–22; John 17:22–23; Colossians 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13).

Application

1. We must trust Christ's obedience rather than relying on our own effort.
2. We must live daily from a reconciled relationship with God.
3. We must release self-reliance and depend fully on the work of the Cross.
4. We must allow the Holy Spirit to continually renew our hearts.
5. We must live out restored agreement through unity within the body of Christ.

Closing Thought

Agreement with God is not something we strive to regain; it is something Christ has already restored. Through His obedience, reconciliation, and the finished work of the Cross, separation has been removed and alignment has been made possible again. As we learn to live from what Christ has accomplished, agreement becomes stable rather than strained, obedience becomes responsive rather than forced, and unity becomes visible.