

Romans 15:4

“For whatever things were written before
were written for our learning, that we
through the patience and comfort of the
Scriptures might have hope.”

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- State of compliance, obedience (slave→master or Christian→God); to follow instructions, obey, follow, be subject to
- Grant one's request, hear
- Answer a knock at the door (Bauer)



OT Examples

- Israelites
- Moses
- Adam & Eve
- Jonah
- Noah
- Abraham

NT Examples

- The early church
- Corinthians
- Philemon
- Jesus Christ

Instruction

- Obey rulers & authorities
- Children obey parents; church obeys likewise
- Obedience of the faith
- Obedience is a spiritual warfare

Instruction

- Send a preacher!
- Faith needs work
- Obedience of the gospel is necessary
- Do God's will

Instruction

- Obey God—not man
- Slaves→masters; Christians→Christ
- Keep God's commandments
- Need a rebuker

Benefits

- Souls are purified
- We receive all spiritual blessings
- We receive things asked

Conclusion

Become a Christian and obey the
commandments of God!