

New Sermon Series: Fear of the LORD

Today's sermon: *Fear is a Choice*

## Obedience or Performance?

Obedience is seeking God with your whole heart. Performance is having a quiet time because you'll feel guilty if you don't.

Obedience is finding ways to let the word of God dwell in you richly. Performance is quickly scanning a passage so you can check it off your Bible reading plan.

Obedience is inviting guests to your home for dinner. Performance is feeling anxious about whether every detail of the meal will be perfect.

Obedience is following God's prompting to start a small group, Bible study or relationship. Performance is reluctance to let anyone else lead the group because they might not do it as well as you would.

Obedience is doing your best. Performance is wanting to be the best.

Obedience is saying yes to whatever God asks of you. Performance is saying yes to whatever people ask of you.

Obedience is following the promptings of God's spirit. Performance is following a list of man-made requirements.

Obedience springs from a fear of God. Performance springs from a fear of failure.

Arachibutyrophobia- **Fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.**



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**WELCOME!**

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30am

Worship- 10:30am

Wednesday Bible Class- 7:00pm

**Check out the website for Valley Cities Church of Christ,**

[valleycitieschurchofchrist.org](http://valleycitieschurchofchrist.org)

**and that of the Antioch Initiative, which is instrumental in planting this new work:**

[aicoc.org](http://aicoc.org)

Sermons will be recorded and will be available for listening on the church website. Bulletins will also be archived on the website.



Bible class series continuing today:

## *The Book of Ephesians*

*“Sit - Walk - Stand”*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- We will be hosting an **area-wide Singing event** that includes Endwell, Horseheads and possibly other congregations this afternoon from 4:30-6 pm. We will be offering finger foods.
- We are looking into the prospect of mailing out into the community **Christ for Today**, an inspirational outreach leaflet.

## NEWS...

- We have placed an ad in the **Morning Times** local newspaper about Valley Cities Church of Christ.
- Ryan Patrick has been accepted at SUNY Cortland and will be starting in January.
- There is a basket, paper and pen on the table in the entrance for writing down your blessings. The blessings will be shared on the final Sunday of the month, starting today.



## PRAYERS...

- Ruthie and Patty Albro's niece, Trish's husband, Kevin Gibson, has mouth and throat cancer.
- Cindy Patrick will be having minor surgery at Robert C. Packer Hospital on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Darlene and Doug Elsbree will be returning from FL on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Darlene will be having minor surgery on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Halligan's sister, Marguerite, has been diagnosed with leukemia. She is doing well under the circumstances.
- Victoria Ford will be having an MRI on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you for being here today and thank God for the edification your presence provides for us all.



If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact **Sandy Barry** [barnecat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barnecat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.



**Songs:** 18 Faithful Love, 23 Our God is Alive, 176 Lamb of God, 361 Nailed to the Cross, 991 This is My Father's World, 947 Jesus is Tenderly Calling