**Why Won’t People Obey God?**

**Reading: 1 Peter 4:14-19**

**1. THEY Are .**

***(Matthew 18:2-3) Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, {3} and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.***

***(Mark 16:16) "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.***

***(Acts 2:38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;***

**2. THEY DON’T KNOW THEY TO OBEY, OR To OBEY**

***(Acts 8:26-31) Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. {27} So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, {28} was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. {29} Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." {30} So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" {31} And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.***

***Psalm 19:1-3 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands…"***

***(Romans 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,***

***(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

**3. THEY DON’T SEE THE**

***(Acts 24:22-25) But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case."… {24} And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. {25} Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."***

**4. THEY DON’T FEEL THE**

***(2 Corinthians 5:17-20) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. {18} Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, {19} that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. {20} Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.***

***(Acts 22:16) 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'***

**5. THEY’RE AFRAID THEY’RE NOT**

***John 1:27 He...who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoes latchet I am not worthy to unloose.***

**6. THEY’RE AFRAID of**

***(Luke 9:62) Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."***

**7. THEY TO OBEY**

***(James 4:17) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.***

***(Proverbs 17:11) An evil man seeks only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.***

***(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, {8} in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. {9} These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,***