And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of
death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8, NKJV.

Before us is held out the wonderful possibility of being like Christ--obedient to all the principles of
the law of God. But of ourselves we are utterly powerless to attain to this condition. All that is good
in human beings comes to them through Christ. The holiness that God's Word declares we must
have before we can be saved is the result of the working of divine grace as we bow in submission to
the discipline and restraining influence of the Spirit of truth.

Humanity's obedience can be made perfect only by the incense of Christ's righteousness, which fills
with divine fragrance every act of true obedience. The part of the Christian is to persevere in
overcoming every fault. Constantly he or she is to pray to the Savior to heal the disorders of their
diseased souls. They have not the wisdom and strength without which mortals cannot overcome.
These belong to the Lord, and He bestows them on those who in humiliation and contrition seek
Him for help....

The reason that many who once knew and loved the Savior are now in darkness, wandering far
from Him, is because in self-confidence and self-sufficiency they have followed their own
inclinations. They walked not in the way of the Lord--the only way of peace and happiness. By
disobedience they cut themselves off from receiving His blessings, when by obedience they might
have gone forward in His strength.

The abundant evidence given by God that He desires the salvation of all will be the condemnation
of those who refuse the gift of heaven. At the last great day, when all will be rewarded or punished
according to their obedience or disobedience, the cross of Calvary will appear plainly before those
standing before the Judge of all the earth to receive sentence for eternity. They are made capable of
comprehending something of the love that God has expressed for fallen human beings. They see
how greatly He has been dishonored by those who have continued in transgression, choosing sides
with Satan, and showing contempt for the law of Jehovah. They see that obedience to this law
would have brought them life and health, prosperity and eternal good.--The Review and Herald,
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