

Lesson 7

The Will Of God The Father

The Bible must be our only authority if we want to please God.

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of my Father** in heaven. **Many** will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I **never** knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness".

If you say I believe and call Jesus, "Lord, Lord", you are still in a lost condition, if you have not been converted [changed] from your old way of life [thinking] to a "**New Creature**".

2Corinthians 5:17

"So that if any one *is* in Christ, **that one is a new creature**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

If we are not obeying the commandments of God we are practicing lawlessness or are in rebellion to His revealed Will in the Bible text. If we ever hope to be saved by the Grace extended by God through Jesus, **we must do the Will of the Father**. Just because we call Jesus our Lord, will not save us if we continue to live a life of rebelling and pursuing evil ways.

Romans 2:5-16

[8] But to those who indeed disobeying the truth *out* of self-seeking, and obeying unrighteousness, *will be* anger and wrath,

Jesus says in the above scripture, that on the Day of Judgment, that **many** will be pleading with him, calling him Lord, Lord, but He will say unto them, "I **never** knew you, depart from Me you who practice lawlessness". We learn from the above scripture, that we don't go to Heaven by doing the will of men, or by doing what **we think** is right. The only way we can go to Heaven is by doing the will of the Father, and that **Will** is found in the Bible. Do you really know what the Bible says that God wants us to do in order to be saved? What does Jesus say about this?

When He walked on the earth He called us to Repent – turn from wickedness – for the Kingdom of God was at hand.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Repent means we turn away from the wicked, sinful, wrong whatever term you use it still means the same thing. We do not do those things, which the Bible tells us, are out of the Will of God. There are lists we could compile but our heart condemns us when we do what we know to be wrong. If we truly Seek and Love God the Holy Spirit is living within us to guide, protect, and lead us into the Truth.

What are the Greatest Commandments?

Jesus said this was the First commandment:

WE are to Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Mark 12:29-30

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, "Hear, O Israel, *the* Lord our God is one Lord; **30** and you shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." This *is* the first commandment.

Matthew 22:37

Jesus said to him, You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Jesus said this was the Second commandment there were no others greater than these:

Mark 12:31

And *the* second *is* like this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

What must I do to be saved?

Jesus said this is what saved:

Matthew 9:20-22

"Your Faith"

Luke 18:42

Matthew 19:16-30

"You shall not murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, Love your mother and father, Love your neighbor as yourself, sell what you have and give to the poor and follow Jesus' way. Only with God are All things Possible."

Luke 18:18-30

Mark 16:16

"They who believe and are baptized"

Luke 7:37-50

"Loved much – Faith - sins forgiven"

John 3:14-21

"Love – Believe – Faith - sins forgiven"

Luke 8:4-18

"Believe and take Word of God to heart"

"Bring forth fruit in keeping God's Word"

"Believe and be saved"

Luke 13:18-30

" Those who are righteous and do God's Will"

John 10:25-30

"Follow Jesus – Trust – Obey – Rely – Faith"

These are the Words of Jesus so following His message or commands is very important.

The Apostles or Disciples who were sent into the world to teach, preach, and tell the "Good News" were given instructions by Jesus to do the things which He showed them.

Acts 2:21

And it shall be *that* everyone who shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no other One; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Other Verses to Read and Study:**Romans 5:8-11****2 Thessalonians 2:7-12****Romans 8:1-28****1 Timothy 2:3-5****Romans 10:8-13****2 Timothy 1:9-10****1 Corinthians 1:18****Titus 3:1-11****1 Corinthians 3:11-20****1 Peter 3:8-22****Ephesians 2:1-10****2 Peter 2:1-22**That is why the Bible is so important to us as believers:

1. It gives us the History of God's Creation and Purpose for humanity
2. The "Gospel or Good News" we can be saved from Sins - rebellion
3. What God requires of us as His Children – we are adopted into His Kingdom
4. How to live a Life that is in keeping with what Jesus taught us
5. The Future of All who "Believe" and those who do not

This is a very important question. Many people would answer this question in many different ways. The Bible is the only reliable source we can go to for our answers, our obedience must not be taken lightly. The Bible will interpret its own instructions if we seek the Truth.

1 John 2:4

"He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a **liar**, and the truth is not in him."

If we know and love God, keeping His commandments will be what we want to do but at times fail. When we fail repentance and asking forgiveness is a part of our devotion and Love for God that will keep us seeking to obey. Those who do not keep God's commandments, yet try to say they Love God are told by the Bible they are liars. The devil is the source of all liars as the Truth does not live within them. We know that a liar cannot go to Heaven.

John 8:44

You are of the Devil as father, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from *the* beginning, and did not abide in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

God has no optional commandments. We are free to choose because He created us to be moral creatures with the right to choose good and evil. Our ancestors brought the Sin condition upon all creation when they chose evil and as such we share in that fallen condition. When we don't obey a command of God, we have just **Sinned**. Many people would like to think that a loving God will not send anyone to**HELL** but if we go it is because we chose to go.

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1) How do we go to heaven?

Matthew 7:21

- a. By doing our will.
 - b. By doing man's will.
 - c. By doing God's will.
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2) Call on the name of Jesus and be saved. What does this mean?

Matthew 7:21 Acts 2:21

- a. All will go to heaven
 - b. Many will not go to heaven
 - c. All will have to know Jesus by following Him to go to heaven
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3) What did those who call Jesus, Lord, Lord use as their defense?

Matthew 7:21

4) Judgment Day – do we have to worry about it? Do you have to worry about it?

Hebrews 9:27

5) What is the worse thing one can hear on Judgment Day?

Matthew 7:23

- a. Well done good and faithful servant
 - b. That heaven has no more room.
 - c. Depart, I never knew you.
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6) What are some good works we are told to do in God's Word?

Matthew 12:30-37

Galatians 5:13-26

7) If I say I know and love God, but do not keep His commandments what does that make me?

1 John 2:4

- a. I am telling the truth
- b. I am a liar
- c. God will overlook it

8) What kind of people are not allowed in the Kingdom of God? Where do they end up?

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 1 Timothy 1:8-10 Revelation 21:8

9) Who blinds us to the Truth? Who is the father of all liars? What is his final destination?

What is the destination for those who follow the devil?

2 Corinthians 4:4

John 8:44

Revelation 20:10-15

Living life anyway I want to go

Thinking I am wise and free to choose the way

Finding my choices are bitter and full of woe

Struggling to keep my hands busy on the stage play

Winding up old, lonely, and nothing to show

But I did it my way

and now I have to go

but I did it my way

how many others did I influence, how many I need to know

and now they have a debt unable to pay

children

husband / wife

friends / lovers

strangers

I may have done it my way

I thought I'd never know

in the end I can't say

I never knew

No one ever said

but I did it my way and now.....