

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

Matthew 6:10

Three questions:

- 1) What is His will?
- 2) How is it done in heaven?
- 3) Do we really want to do it that way here?
 - If not, don't ask for it

What's the big difference between there & here?

- There is no opposition there... any longer
- The **fatality of it** has been fully revealed

Why is opposition to His will fatal?

- Because God's will **IS** life
- Opposition to His will is **separated from life**
- **Today's culture**

What is the biggest deception here?

- Not believing the fatality of opposing His will
- Why do some oppose His will?
- **Pride & Control**

Romans 1:20-22, For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, **so that they are without excuse, because**, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools. (**Psalm 19:1-4**)

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters."

John 5:19 & 30

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do"

*"I can of Myself do nothing... because **I do not seek My own will** but the will of the Father who sent Me."*

John 20:21

*So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"*

John 14:15 & 21 (15:9-17)

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

*"Your will be **done on earth** as it is in heaven"*

- Be done **by who?**
- **Psalm 40:8**, "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."
- **Psalm 143:10**, Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!
- Those who **want to learn & live it**

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What identifies & defines His will?

- **Origin & Ultimate Outcome**
- The Bull's Eye

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It has applications in every aspect of life

- Rings around the Bull's Eye
- **Personal, Church/Family & Civic**

God's will is **expressed** in loving obedience

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Matthew 22:36-40, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"

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John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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I Timothy 1:5 (6-7), Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith

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Philippians 2:5-8, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 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.

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Matthew 26:38-39, Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here

and watch with Me." He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; **nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**"

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The will of God is **demonstrated** in service to others

- At our own expense, to benefit other people

Romans 5:8, But God **demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Are we living in the will of God?

- Jesus "came to serve"
- **Who are we serving, and how?**
- Is it a demonstration of His love in us?

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NEXT WEEK

"Your kingdom come. **Your will be done on earth** as it is in heaven."

Those who **do His will**, inherit the kingdom

- How does He tell us to do His will?

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Discussion Questions

- 1) Do we really want to do His will here as it's done in heaven?**
 - Why?
- 2) Is this the same question Eve faced in Eden?**
 - What motivated Adam to join her?
- 3) What was the issue for the rich young ruler?**
 - Do poor people face the same issue?
- 4) How do we protect ourselves from what tempted them?**