



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, God's grace, unmerited divine favor, be to you and peace, an absolute end of all strife or trouble, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Father, we rejoice at your Word as one that finds great riches. Father, your Word has made known to us the ways of life. We are full of joy with your holy spirit within us, for your Word is your intense desire. Father, we pray that you open your Word unto us. We are your children and long for your Word and intense desire. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In last [month's teaching](#), we reviewed *The Will of God - Part 1*. We learned the Greek word *theléma* is the word "will" which means God's desire, purpose, or intense desire. In the Word of God, *theléma* primarily refers to the will or intense desire of God, surrounding His sovereign plans and purposes. In the phrase "will of God," the word "of" is the Greek word *ek* or out of. The Greek word *theos* is the word "God" and primarily refers to the one true God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, as revealed in the Christian faith. It became necessary in the New Testament of the Bible to distinguish it by the article "the" or "the God" meaning the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light.

Let's continue to *The Will of God - Part 2* of by studying God's Word to *shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Timothy 2:15) for the Will of God! The Word of God is the Will of God! No one can know the Will of God without studying His Word!

As we look at the phrase *the will of God*, we will bold it for emphasis in the scriptures. Remember the meanings associated with the word "will" or *theléma*, "of" or *ek*, and "God" or *Theos*.

Note: The sources for all Greek English words are [Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible](#), [The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament](#) (Bullinger), [Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible](#), [The Word Study Concordance](#) by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, [The Bible Hub](#) and [Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language](#).

In 2 Corinthians 8:4-5, it is written:

Praying us with much intreaty that we [Paul, Timothy, and Titus] would receive the gift [of abundance sharing] and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

*And this they [the churches of Macedonia] did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by **the will of God**.*

This verse tells us it was *the will of God* that the churches of Macedonia provided from their abundance for the ministering of the saints, holy ones, sanctified ones, and purified ones. The verse clarified that the church first gave themselves to the Lord by the intense desire out of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light. We are reminded that it is *the will of God* for us to share of our abundance for the ministering to the saints, holy ones, sanctified ones, and purified ones.

It is written in Galatians 1:4:

*Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to **the will of God** and our Father.*

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins so that he will deliver us from this present evil world, according to the intense desire out of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light and our Father. To God be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Turn next to Ephesians 1:1:

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by **the will of God**, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus.*

Paul was what? *An apostle of Jesus Christ*; the use of the name Jesus Christ put the emphasis upon the walk of Jesus on the earth, his earthly ministry (see the [2024 teachings](#)). You see, an apostle is here upon earth and moves among people. This was why the word “Jesus” preceded the word “Christ” in the verse. Paul did not make or call himself an apostle; he was an apostle of Jesus Christ by *the will of God*!

The word “will” in the Aramaic means God’s pleasure. But I love the word, in the Greek, because it’s the Greek word *thelēma*, will, which is the **intensive desire of God**. see [October 2023](#) and [November 2023](#) teachings).

In Ephesians 1:1, the word “saints” is the Aramaic word *kdisha* which means the sanctified or separated ones. The Greek word is *hagiois*, meaning saints, holy ones, those set apart. And it is from the verb *hazō* which means the purified one. Remember,

Ephesians was originally written in Aramaic and translated into Greek and then translated to old English by King James. To understand the meaning of the verse fully, it is important to go back to the original language as often, the meaning was lost in the translation to old English.

The word “faithful” is the Greek word *pistis* in this verse and is always used in relationship to believingly or faithfully serving God with good works, doing the will of the Lord, being faithful or believing, acting in the light of God’s Word in your walk and in your action, in your believing (see [February 2017](#) and [March 2017](#) teachings). To be faithful or *pistis*, you must put your faith in action – in your walk, talk, and believing.

Now, let’s put our understanding, and the meaning, back into Ephesians 1:1:

Paul, an apostle sent one of Jesus, the humble one and Christ, the anointed one, the messiah, by the intense desire out of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light, to the saints, holy ones, those set apart, purified ones which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful serving God with good works, doing the will of the Lord in Christ Jesus.

Let’s look at the next occurrence of the phrase *the will of God*. It is written in Ephesians 6:6:

*Not with eyeservice, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing **the will of God** from the heart.*

Opening our understanding of the original meaning of the key words, the verse can be re-written to say:

Not with eyeservice, as men pleasers; but as the servants or slaves of Christ, the one who is seated at the right hand of God, who gave him a name that is above every name, doing the intense desire out of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light from the heart, the seat of the personal life which is operated from the mind.

Colossians 4:12 is the next place we find the phrase under study:

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all **the will of God**.*

Verse 12 with understanding.

Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant, bound to serve Christ, the one who is seated at the right hand of God, who gave him a name that is above every name, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfectly mature and complete, filled to capacity in all the intense desire out of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 has the next usage of the phrase *the will of God*:

*For this is **the will of God**, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.*

Verse 3 with understanding.

For this is the intense desire out of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, even your sanctification, or holiness that you should abstain from spiritual idolatry and unlawful sex.

It is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

*In everything give thanks: for this is **the will of God** in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

The phrase *In everything give thanks* followed by our phrase under study tells us that this is the intense desire out of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light in Christ, the anointed one and messiah, Jesus, the humble one concerning you. This verse does not say give thanks FOR EVERYTHING; in contrast, we are to give thanks IN EVERYTHING. Why the difference between the words FOR and IN? Because we have God in Christ in us the hope of glory (see 2 Corinthians 5:19 and Colossians 1:27)!

The next occurrence of the phrase *the will of God* is written in Hebrews 10:36:

*For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done **the will of God**, ye might receive the promise.*

Based on our understanding, the verse can be rewritten to read:

For you have need of steadfastness and endurance, that, after you have done the intense desire out of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, you might take diligent care of the promises made by God.

Turn to 1 Peter 2:15:

*For so is **the will of God**, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

Verse 15 with understanding.

For it is the intense desire of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, that with well doing you may put to silence or muzzle the lack of knowledge of God's truth and righteous living, among senseless and unwise men.

Now, let's look at 1 Peter 3:17:

*For it is better, if **the will of God** be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

Verse 17 with understanding.

For it is better, if the intense desire out of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, that you endure physical suffering and persecution for well doing, than for intentional wrongdoing or malicious actions.

1 Peter 4:2 has the next usage. We will read verse 1 for context.

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.

Here, we see that Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah, endured and suffered for us in the flesh. So, we are told to equip ourselves likewise with the same mind and inner being because Christ endured in the flesh so that we are ceased from sin.

With that context, we can now read 1 Peter 4:2:

*That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to **the will of God**.*

Wow! Praise God! We see that if we have the same mind of Christ, we are *ceased from sin* and no longer must live our life *in the flesh to the lusts of men*. Instead, we can live our life *to the will of God*. I don't know about you, but this encourages my heart and mind. This isn't rocket science, people. It is laid out clearly and simply – Adopt the mind of Christ, adopt the faith through our walk and talk, and we will live according to *the will of God*.

Turn to 1 John 2:17:

*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth **the will of God** abideth forever.*

This verse reinforces what we are told in 1 Peter 4:2. Let's re-read it according to our understanding:

And the world and order passed away, and the lust, desire and longing thereof: but in contrast he that does the intense desire out of God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, remains and dwells forever!

Once again, we are told, encouraged, implored to do *the will of God* so that the old man nature of lusts and desires, put on us by Satan, will not remain and dwell in us forever. Wow! It cannot be any clearer, people. God gives us the instruction for how to live our earthly life according to His intense passion and desire.

Let's look at 1 John 5:14-15. We will read verse 15 for further understanding.

*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to **his will** [the will of God], he heareth us.*

And if we know that he [God] hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him [God].

These verses rewritten based on our understanding would read:

And this is the boldness that we have in God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, that, if we request anything according to God's intense desire, He will listen to us.

And if we have seen that God, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light, listens and hears us, whatsoever we ask, according to His Word we know that we have the object prayed for according to His Word. See [November 2021](#) teaching.

What a marvelous, magnificent, and remarkable truth! The Word of God is the Will of God! God's Word tells us over and over again what his intense desire and passion is. To know it, we must work, read, walk, and talk the Word of God!

Look at Acts 5:29:

*Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to **obey God** rather than men.*

What do Peter and the other apostles say? *We ought to obey God*, the one supreme whom is the fountain of life and light! And we do this in contrast to obeying who? *men*. This is so important to remember, especially in the times we are going through now. Our obedience is not to men (or women)! Our obedience is to God and His Will!

Jeremiah 17:5 reminds us again:

Thus saith the Lord (Jehovah); Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord (Jehovah).

Our hearts, which is our minds, are not departed from the will of the Lord Jehovah (see [March 2023 teaching](#) on the heart and mind)! Your mind controls your will! I am constantly hearing people say, "I have to do this because so-and-so said to do it," or "Well, I trust this is true because so-and-so said it." People, turn to God's Word for the truth. This is where your faith and trust must be placed. The Will of God is that we know His Word and are not tricked by the adversary to trust, believe, talk, and walk in Satan's way. God's Word cannot be clearer! And if you didn't get it, please read this teaching again and again until you do. The Word of God is the Will of God!

In this month's teaching *Part 2: The Will Of God*, we learned:

- *And this they [the churches of Macedonia;] did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by **the will of God** (2 Corinthians 8:5).*
- *Who [the Lord Jesus Christ] gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to **the will of God** and our Father (Galatians 1:4).*
- *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by **the will of God** (Ephesians 1:1).*
- *but as the servants of Christ, doing **the will of God** from the heart (Ephesians 6:6).*
- *that ye may stand perfect and complete in all **the will of God** (Colossians 4:12).*
- *For this is **the will of God**, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication (1 Thessalonians 4:3).*
- *In everything give thanks: for this is **the will of God** in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).*
- *For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done **the will of God**, ye might receive the promise (Hebrews 10:36).*
- *For so is **the will of God**, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men (1 Peter 2:15).*

- *For it is better, if **the will of God** be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing* (1 Peter 3:17).
- *That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to **the will of God*** (1 Peter 4:2).
- *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth **the will of God** abideth forever* (1 John 2:17).

Just in case you missed it, *the will of God* is that we:

1. Give ourselves to the Lord.
2. Believe that Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from this evil world.
3. Are disciples of Jesus Christ.
4. Stand perfect and complete in His Word.
5. Abstain from spiritual fornication and unlawful sex.
6. Give thanks IN everything.
7. Are to be patient to receive the promise of God.
8. Are to put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.
9. May have to suffer for our well doing.
10. Do not live our lives in the flesh and lusts of Satan.
11. Will abide forever when we stand on the Word of God and not in the ways of the world.

Father, thank you for making your Will known unto us through your Word. We pray that our walk will be according to your Word and well pleasing in your sight. We pray that we remember your Word and put it on in our hearts as we are bombarded by the tricks of the adversary in our daily walk. Give us strength and courage to use your Word to confront this evil world. Increase our understanding of your Word so we may do your Will. May we hold fast to *the will of God* in all we do and say, and may we use our knowledge of your Word to discern good from evil, right from wrong, and truth from fiction. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

We exhort and encourage you to walk according to the Will of God which is His Word! Bless your hearts, we sure do love you.

In the Lord,

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