



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Come join us!

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"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

Schedule of Events

Men's meeting Sept. 3rd
talk to Bill

Young Wives class August 13th
3:30p - 4:30p at the building

Potluck at the Murdock's August
27th after morning services



Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24 NKJV

Our Family News

Pray for / Bill and Peggy, Helen Spicer, Ed Maxwell, Tom and Debra, Stone Family, Kelli Riley, Ezell Family

Today's Scripture

But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Romans 6:17 NKJV

Wisdom for Today

I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:10 NKJV

AM Sermon / George Jensen

PM Sermon / George Jensen

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“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Free Will

By Joe Murdock

During my studies with various religious groups one of the most frustrating doctrinal differences revolves around the “free will” argument. What I mean by “free will”, is that the Bible clearly teaches that man not only has the capability, but responsibility of responding without force or predetermined outcomes to God’s call through the gospel. While this article is silo-ed from the view point of freely responding to God’s call through the gospel the principal applies to all aspects of life.

The argument in the negative of “free will” claims this removes the sovereignty of God. Sovereignty means supreme power. What a shame to think that the simple ability to use what God has given us somehow thwarts Him. Instead of attempting to make some spectacular argument let us just see what the word of God has to say. Does the word of God teach us we have the ability to choose freely? Consider a couple passages and see for yourself.

[Joshua 24:14-15 NKJV](#) “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose** for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

[Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV](#) “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s **all**. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

[Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV](#) “**Enter** by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

It can be easily seen through the word of God that we have been given the capacity to CHOOSE. This is a great blessing because it shows how much God

really loves us. Think about the most commonly used scripture, [John 3:16](#). With this famous passage we get a glimpse into how God demonstrated His love for His creation. He allowed His son to be crucified, knowing that some would reject Him. This profound thought must cause all of us to pause, reflect and thank God. Not because some will reject Him, but because He has given us the ability to freely choose. [John 4:23 NKJV](#) “**But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.**” The Father desires those would worship Him in spirit and truth, not out of force.

What is missed by those who think that free will removes God’s sovereignty, they miss the fact that God’s sovereignty is unchanged by our ability to choose. How, because God’s plan of salvation is set. [John 14:6 NKJV](#) “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” [Acts 4:10-12 NKJV](#) “let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” We cannot change the way to be saved. Salvation has been established by the will of God. But please understand, the Bible plainly teaches we have been given the opportunity to freely respond to the gospel plan of salvation. This power of choice must be used wisely, for the outcome of rejecting God is just as clear as the ability to choose. [II Thessalonians 1:8-9 NKJV](#) “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. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,” Friends, what will you choose!