

Bullseye

Part Two: *God's revealed will*

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God wants His creation living on earth to submit to His will like His creation in heaven submits to His will (Matthew 6:9–10). The Lord has a plan and purpose for us, and He desires that we submit to His plan and purpose. Last Sunday, I gave you some great benefits when you choose to live in God's will. Today, I'm going to show you God's revealed will.

- **The Bible clearly reveals God's will for humanity.**

1st - God wants us to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Romans 3:23-25; Romans 10:9-13

What holds people back from being saved?

- Rebellion – Some people do not want to be saved from their sins. Romans 1:18-32
- Pride – Some people refuse to admit they are sinners. Romans 2-3
- Ignorance – Some people do not know how to be saved. Romans 10:14-15

2nd - God wants us to be Spirit-filled. Ephesians 5:17-18; Galatians 5:16-17

The Bible says we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit the moment we receive Christ as our Lord and Savior (Romans 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30). But the Spirit of God wants more than to take up residence within us; He wants control of our thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

How do you know if a Christian is Spirit-filled?

- Spirit filled Christians bear spiritual fruit. Galatians 5:22-23

Christians led by the Spirit resemble God. Their thoughts, speech, and actions flow from their godly character!

3rd - God wants us to be sanctified (holy). 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

According to the Apostle Paul, a person committed to being holy controls their body. Sanctified Christians imitate God following the example of Christ (Ephesians 5:1-2).

4th - God wants us to be submissive. 1 Peter 2:13-17

It is God's will that we to submit to the people He has put over us. The Bible says children are to submit to their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3; Exodus 20:12), citizens are to submit to their governing officials (1 Peter 2:13; Romans 13:1-7), workers are to submit to their bosses (1 Peter 2:18; Colossians 3:22), church members are to submit to their church leaders (Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Peter 5:5-6), and husbands and wives are to submit to each other (Ephesians 5:21-33). The only time we are to say "no" to a human authority is when they want us to sin.

5th - God wants us to suffer for doing right. Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12

We are to willingly suffer for well doing (1 Peter 3:17; 4:14-15), and for living a godly life (2 Timothy 3:12). Jesus suffered and those who follow Him and do right will also suffer (Colossians 1:24; Galatians 6:17).

6th - God wants us to be surrendered. Romans 12:1-2

It is God's will that we surrender our lives to Him. Then, He can transform us into the person He wants us to be. Then, we can do what He wants us to do!