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THE FATHER'S WILL

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DEDICATION:

This book is yours; it is your divine counsel to your inheritance given freely by the FATHER. I dedicate it to all GODz beloved children to whom HE has lavished great mercies, glorious kindness, and incredible privileges in CHRIST. To you I have been commissioned to assure you that ALL THINGS ARE INDEED YOURS!!!!

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With a joyful hand, I have written this book. Its size is quite small relative to its weight. I could even say that this is the hallmark of my theology, the defining write-up of my gospel. And to the HOLY SPIRIT I reserve my greatest appreciation for enabling me to know the deep things of GOD. Yes, without HIS counsel, without HIS knowledge, I would not know this utmost knowledge.

I am also thankful that HE is enabling you to grasp what HE enabled me to grasp. I am sure that even as you read this work of glory, HE is by your side opening the light of GODz heart and shedding serious insight to every word. Because of HIS convicting and counseling skills, I am sure that this book will leave you fully furnished for every good work.

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INTRODUCTION

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

The human mind can never, in all its myriad endeavors, ever fully perceive who God is. When mortal men engage in intellectual exercises that pretend to define and elucidate on who God is, they lie. They may impress themselves and presume various persuasions to suit their opinion regarding divinity but in essence they are nowhere near the truth more than they were before they courted it.

To be sure, it is impossible for the carnal mind to fathom so rich a subject. Any such attempt begs to fail however impressive it may assemble itself. Amazed at the futile efforts of mortal men that seek to investigate or claim to elucidate on HIS omnipotent immensity God HIMSELF has questioned thus:

Job 38:2 Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

Unfortunately, many seasoned and acclaimed academics that have tackled this enormous subject from an intellectual standpoint continue in their folly. Many do not realize that their efforts are wasted: All their seminars, studies, researches, publications, and collaborations on this subject are way beyond their league. They speak a lie.

Worse still, the omnipotent One has worked against them and turned their wisdom into foolishness:

1Co 1:20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

On a most somber note, all men need to ponder the eternal superiority of God over all mortality:

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

And yet, it is important that we realize that this does not imply that God intends to keep it that way. Neither was it HIS intention in the very beginning. Beloved, it is not God's intention that we should not know HIM. On the contrary, HE longs for men to love HIM, court HIM, appreciate HIM, and ultimately, know HIM.

What is truly amazing is that there actually exists a means through which man can indeed comprehend the infinite measure of who God is. While we certainly can never do so within the auspices of our finite senses, God intends for us to know that understanding HIM is a spiritual exercise that HE is extremely

interested in. Matter of fact, God is more interested in revealing HIMSELF to us, and even through us, than we could ever be interested in understanding who HE is.

Rather than investigate God, rather than debate HIM, or doubt HIM, it is far more fulfilling to simply humble ourselves and pay attention to what HE says.

Who God is, is best known by the great I AM. Listen to HIM!

DIVINE SIMILARITY

All the answers to this search are found in HIS word. From thence, it is vital that we realize that long before men sought to figure who God is, HE revealed HIMSELF to man. When in the beginning of time God first created man in HIS own image and likeness, HE revealed HIMSELF to man through the first human experience (Genesis 1:26-27). The first man, Adam, was a revelation of God in the flesh.

As such, if Adam would have pondered on who God is, God would have sought him to understand himself. Any self-appreciation would have been synonymous with an appreciation of God for the man was divine, the very likeness of the Most High.

It is in this regard that we must appreciate the glorious fact that **humanity was always** intended to be a divine experience.

I would like to emphasize something I mentioned earlier when I said that God desires to reveal HIMSELF to man more than

man would like to understand who HE is: Notice that in the beginning, God did not wait for Adam to question who HE was. HE answered that query in the very essence of the man when HE made HIM in HIS image and likeness. Before Adam was curious about God, God made him HIS kind and engaged in intimate fellowship with him.

I am certain that the more Adam intimated with God, the more HE came to terms with his divinity; and the more he appreciated who God is.

And it is in this most noble of intimacies that we have the will of God revealed to us: Brethren, the will of God is not the many detailed events and preferences that we presume them to be. It's actually not that complex and need not be very detailed.

God has only one will and the only creature that it is intended for is man. HE does not have a will for angels, another one for celestial bodies, another one for plants, and another for animals, or another one for demons and the devil. A thousand times NO! God has only one will; and it is for man. Now other creatures may benefit or suffer consequences as a result of how man responds to God's will but essentially HE has one will and it is exclusively intended for man: And that will is basically that we be like HIM.

Although the Genesis account of man's creation does not necessarily present God's motive for creating the man, dwelling as it were on HIS decision to create him in HIS image and likeness, nonetheless God created us so that we may be like HIM.

The apostle Paul had this in mind when he informed the Church in Rome:

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Herein is given a more specific reason for the existence and divinity of man as being a creature intended to be brethren to the only Son of God. It is in this sense that God found

it necessary to create man in the image and likeness of HIS beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

From this persuasion, and in appreciation of the fact that the Father and Son are one, we must then realize that God had a will for man before HE created man: Back in eternity, long before the foundation of the world, it purposefully occurred in the mind of God that a creature of HIS making should conform to HIS type.

Once we appreciate the gravity of this revelation, then we can move further to realize that everything God has done since HE foreknew man, has been to ensure that man conforms to HIS will; to being as HE is.

Furthermore, we can then appreciate that the creation of the heavens necessitated the creation of the earth so that while God reigned above, man would reign below. We can also appreciate that just as God had angelic hosts to be ministering beings, so did HE provide man with animals, fish, and birds to be his ministering beings. When the LORD taught us to pray that HIS will is done on earth as it is done in heaven, HE seriously

implied that as God reigned in heaven, man should reign on earth (Matthew 6:10).

A further appreciation of God's will enables us to realize that throughout the scriptures, everything that God does is geared to realizing HIS will: HE sent the floods that destroyed men but spared a righteous man called Noah so that man would have the HIS divine conform opportunity to to HE predisposition; similarly, sought Abraham, promised him an heir even though he and his wife Sarah were past child bearing age just so that man could engage the force of faith and therefore adopt a program that would occasion HIS will; HE delivered the children of Israel and took them through the wilderness to the Promised Land so that a holy nation would provide the necessary platform for man to adopt to HIS will; HE sent prophets, appointed kings, opened the wombs of barren women, gave the law, received sacrifice, offerings, and praise, so that man would eventually suit to HIS will of being as HE is.

Much of this does not make complete sense until we appreciate how it relates to the appearance of the LORD Jesus Christ, HIS First begotten Son. To be sure, all the moves of God in the Old Testament were occasioned to prepare for HIS coming. All the prophets were HIS emissaries preparing the way for HIS coming.

The very pattern of the tent of tabernacles, the details of the Holy of holies, and the entire law, are all better understood as shadows of HIS light pointing to the greatest revelation that HE was mandated to manifest to men (Hebrews 10). Altogether, the Old Testament (the patriarchs, the law, and the prophets) is a profound rehearsal of God's ultimate intention (Colossians 2:8-23; Hebrews 9). For when Christ came, HE revealed the will of God.

One might ask how HE did it: *How did Jesus Christ reveal the will of God?* Well, the same way Adam had done. Besides being the second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45), **HE was the very will of God, its very epitome, and the clearest expression of man's greatest**

inheritance and God's highest purpose. Writing to all Jewish Christians in the Diaspora, the author of the book of Hebrews powerfully revealed Christ as:

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person,

Elsewhere the apostle Paul furnishes us with a most profound insight into Christ when he reveals HIM as being:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Consequently, **understanding God without Christ is a futile exercise.** That is why religions, philosophies, and any other attempts to do so are really vain endeavors at perceiving God. Like Jesus assured the Samaritan woman at the well, they worship, ponder and undertake what they do not know (John 4:22).

The same can be said about the nation of Israel before Christ. Although God made

covenants with their father's, although HE sent them prophets and laws, nevertheless they never ever understood HIM. They loved HIM, revered HIM, even feared HIM, but never ever understood who HE was. They knew HIS various names, they understood HIS requirements, they even experienced glorious moments when they would envision HIS glory, but they never knew who HE was. At most, they had an idea, an impression, a religion, but they never really comprehended HIM.

HUMAN IGNORANCE

This explains why the apostle Paul referred to the time before the coming of Christ as a season when God's will was not obvious to men, when it was enshrouded in mystery:

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

And this is understandable: Given that HIS will is for men to be like HE is, it is impossible to fathom how the Jews could know it when they did not fully know HIM. And this was impossible until Christ came.

Without Christ it is impossible to know God and without this knowledge it is practically impossible to be as HE is.

This ignorance has born its brunt: For it is in this mystery of godliness that men have confused God's will in a myriad of several events and preferences: I have known people to look at their jobs as God's will or their business, or their spouse, or their citizenship to a particular nation, or even their faith. I have seen others consider the reverse of the aforementioned realities and conclude on them as God's will: Say if they lost a job, they will say it was God's will or if they lost a business or a spouse, they will affirm it to be God's will. Some have bordered on the insane going so far to suggest that it is God's will for them to have a particular color of under clothing or hairstyle or any such minor detail. All this is really an expression of ignorance as to who God is and therefore what HIS will is.

Similarly, I have heard seasoned theologians and reverend ministers of the word suggest that it is God's will for the nation of Israel (as is geo-politically known and ethno-genetically considered) to be protected and prospered. This too belies an ignorance of who God is and what HIS will is.

To be sure, God's will has always been, and will always be greater than the aspirations or even the prospects of Israel as a nation. It is in fact for this reason that in spite of their rejection of Christ that God opened salvation beyond the borders of Israel.

Since Christ, the universality of God's commitment to man has never been clearer. John profoundly revealed:

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And so, like I mentioned earlier, God's will is not a prolonged list of events and circumstances however good or bad they may be and neither is it the preference of a nation.

And yet to be sure, this serious subject of THE FATHER'S WILL continues to be grossly abused, misunderstood and short-changed even by many who passionately believe in Jesus but who in doing so do not perceive HIS doctrine and therefore fail to discern and correctly interpret the scriptures. Consequently, many believers in the LORD who have not understood HIM have confused God's will to constitute the promises HE

makes to the patriarchs and to the nation of Israel in particular. They refer to the blessings assured in the covenants God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the nation of Israel with particular emphasis to the listed privileges in the book of Deuteronomy (the twenty-eighth chapter).

They perceive those promises as being God's will not realizing that they actually were a shadow of the real deal.

The tragic legacy of this ignorance is enormous: To date, this wrong perception constitutes the essential doctrine of what we call the Christian faith; it is what is generally taught in churches on Sundays; and when believers pray, when they seek God's will, most prospect on those blessings. They perceive God's will to be limited to and essentially about them being blessed in the city, in the countryside, in their goings and comings, in the fruit of their womb, in health and long life, and such other privileges as promised in the Old Testament.

What they do not realize is that as fantastic as these privileges are they only served to provide a clue as to what was God's will.

A proper examination of truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit would bring to light a proper perspective on this mystery in light of what was spoken and made known to the prophets and through the law. In this perspective, the blessings enshrined in the Old Covenants were shadows pointing to the greater light of God's eternal will; they were impressive previews to an even more impressive attraction.

My friend, it is of utmost essence that you appreciate how much the will of God surpasses in glory and measure all the promises enshrined in the Old Covenants (2 Corinthians 3:7-11). Infact, all the beneficiaries of those past privileges although known to have obtained a good report nonetheless were far short of it; they did not perceive and partake of THE FATHER'S WILL (Hebrews 11:39). This omnipotently enormous privilege was hidden from them and was indeed

revealed in Christ to the blessed saints of God (1 Corinthians 2:7-10).

What has happened therefore, is that in the mystery of God's will many have confused God's ways with HIS will: God may choose to function with you in a certain manner to accomplish something that will bring glory to HIS name but that is HIS way not HIS will. HE may for instance use your job, your business, or even your spouse or nation but these are HIS ways and not necessarily HIS will.

HE may even bless you with some material benefit or withhold it from you and yet neither of the two accounts translates as a revelation of HIS will.

HIS blessings and curses are means, measures so to say, that HE employs to draw one closer to HIS will. They are HIS ways among a fallen creation which HE evokes in a bid to draw one to the revelation of HIS will.

When HE blessed the patriarchs, when HE blessed Israel, or the prophets and kings, or even when HE cursed Israel for their

disobedience, that effort never constituted HIS will. Not even Solomon who was blessed with the throne of Israel, who built the temple, and was gifted with legendary wisdom and mind-boggling riches revealed the LORD's will. Instead, in Solomon, as in all those HE blessed and cursed in the Old Covenant, God provided a shadow of something exceedingly greater, a will so amazingly greater; infact, infinitely greater than all HIS ways in a fallen world.

In fact, it is in this sense that Israel should be appreciated: The LORD'S sovereign choice of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as a special people was not HIS will but the way HE employed to accomplish HIS will. God used Israel to prepare the world for the revelation of HIS will. Through its patriarchs, prophets, and the laws HE gave them, through various experiences in their rich history, God mapped a way through which HE prepared man for HIS will.

It is indeed through this way, through Israel, that salvation came among men. Israel was God's chosen way to accomplish HIS will.

Now regarding HIS ways in all matters, they are multiple. God is not limited to one way of accomplishing feats. HE is the God of infinite possibilities and can indeed do all things (Jeremiah 32:27). Any reading of the Old Testament will reveal the multiple means HE employs among a fallen creation. When it was necessary to bless, HE did; and when it was necessary to curse, HE did.

HIS multiple means are a reflection of HIS omnipotent sovereignty. Being God, the creator and source of all beings, HE does among them as HE pleases. HE shows compassion as HE pleases and mercy according to HIS preference; and no one should question HIS ways (Exodus 33:19).

For instance, when Israel desired a king, HE was not limited to the house of Judah where leadership lay (Genesis 49:10); HE sought HIMSELF a king from the tribe of Benjamin (1 Samuel 9:21). And when Saul disappointed HIM, HE changed course and sought another king, David, from the house of Jesse, even though he was a little lad tending his father's

sheep (1 Samuel 16:11). Throughout Israel's history, we see God lift up one king and cast down another. HE is a God of many ways. After all, HE had governed them with a prophet before, and later with judges.

And when the prophet Elijah assured HIM how HE was the only one left, God reassured him how there were seven thousand that had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 19:18). When Elijah gave in and desired to close his ministry, God sent him to anoint a young man called Elisha who finished what Elijah should have accomplished (1 Kings 19:16).

God is omnipotent, infinite in all possibilities. As such, HE is a God of many ways. HE is unlimited and cannot be restricted to a particular set of rules and means nor any person or any people: For instance, when Moses wanted to cross the Red Sea, the LORD instructed him to stretch his rod over the sea and they parted (Exodus 14:16); when Joshua wanted to cross the river Jordan, the LORD instructed him to ask the priests to step into the water carrying the ark, and the river parted (Joshua 3:8); and when Elijah, and later

on Elisha, wanted to cross the same river, he hit it with his cloak and the river parted (2 Kings 2:4). Several years later, when Christ wanted to cross the seas, HE did not part it-HE walked on it! (Matthew 14:25-27)

Observe other ways Jesus demonstrated God's multiple possibilities: For instance, when HE raised the dead, HE was not limited to one way to do it: Sometimes HE touched the coffin of the dead and they awoke (Luke 7:14). In one instance, HE calmly but audaciously called a dead little girl to wake up and she did (Mark 5:41). Yet when HE raised Lazarus, HE shouted for him to come forth (John 11:43).

Similarly, HE healed lepers in several different ways (Matthew 8:2-3; Luke 17:12-14); HE opened blind eyes in several different ways (Mark 8:23-25; John 10:46-51); HE did so because HE was God, unlimited in all HIS ways.

Yet unlike God's ways HIS will is not multiple, it is profoundly singular. Jesus alluded to this when HE characteristically pronounced HIMSELF as the way, the truth, and the life. Without HIM, it is impossible for anyone to get to the Father (John 14:6).

Now it is very important it is appreciated that Jesus did not imply getting to the Father in material terms as so many are given to presume. HE wasn't speaking in terms of accessing the Father physically or geographically, not even going to heaven as many have tended to assume HE meant.

Here again is a gross fallacy of THE FATHER'S WILL; infact, the most erroneous and most popular misconception of it. Most believers in our loving LORD falsely believe that going to heaven and living there forever with Jesus is THE FATHER'S WILL.

I hate to disappoint you if you were one of those with this perception, and yet as wonderful as it certainly is, going to heaven that is, yet it is not THE FATHER'S WILL.

As I said before, this will is peculiar to man, it is a privilege that God has resolutely, selectively, and exclusively assigned man. No other being is this privileged and that includes all the angels and other beings in heaven. None of them, although they are in heaven, is a privileged beneficiary of God's will.

To be sure, Lucifer, the fallen arch-angel, understood as much. Discontent at being in heaven inspite his preeminent place among all heavenly creatures yet he coveted to be a beneficiary of THE FATHER'S WILL (Isaiah 14:12-14). His desire was summariedly dismissed and he was banished from heaven faster than he could resist (Luke 10:18).

I dare say this: Those who teach that going to heaven is God's will know less about spiritual things than Satan does. A critical appreciation of these short-sighted teachers would reveal that most are indeed active messengers of darkness parading a false impression of light with the intended objective of deceiving God's elect to settle for a lot less than their Father has prepared and intended for them.

When the LORD revealed HIMSELF in the omnipotent reference as the way, the truth, and the life, HE was indeed speaking of things enormously greater than going to

heaven. Omniscient and the very epitome of godly wisdom, HE distinguished the two-THE FATHERS WILL and going to heaven conscious that the latter did not require HIS direct and exclusive intervention.

After all, many had done so without necessarily relying on HIM: Moses did, several times when he climbed the holy mount (Exodus 19:3). So did Isaiah when king Uzziah died (Isaiah 6). And Satan did during the days of Job when all the sons of God were assembled before HIM (Job 1:6). Similarly, Elijah had gone to heaven riding on chariots of fire without any reference to Jesus.

And yet Jesus implied something far more profound when HE talked of coming to the Father. By this omnipotent claim, HE referred to the will of God, to being like God. In essence, HE asserted that it was impossible to be like God without HIM.

Now, physical proximity, even intimate engagement with God, or even going to heaven does not amount to being like God. They can be HIS ways to draw you to HIS will but they are not HIS will. So when one loses a loved one and as a result of the loss draws closer to God for solace and healing, they wouldn't be right to cite the loss of their loved one as being God's will. Neither would they be right in suggesting God occasioned it.

What happens is that while such tragedy is most certainly the result of evil, yet God in HIS omnipotence is able to employ it or find a way in it to accomplish HIS will in your life. This is indeed the essence of the attribute given to HIM as being able to make good what was intended for evil (Genesis 50:20) or how HE is known to make a way where there seems to be no way. In other words, God is able to convert such trying times, even the grossest evil occasioned by Satan into means that HE can use to make you more like HIM.

And yet to be sure, it is not possible for God's will to be accomplished in any life without reference to and faith in Christ. It doesn't matter the gravity of change incurred in any tragedy or experience, nevertheless without Christ it is impossible for anyone to realize God's will. Regardless the wonder that

occurred when Job repented and received double what he lost, he cannot be said to have found God's will. Properly appreciated, one would find that his amazing change was the result of appreciating God's ways and not finding God's will (Job 42); because Job came to terms with the infinite abilities of GOD, because he resigned to the infinite possibilities of GOD, he was privileged to gain double the trouble he suffered.

The same will work for you; discovering GOD's ways will activate HIS possibilities in your life. When you walk by faith, you are indeed walking in HIS ways and will indeed gain in life. The ways of GOD have a sure reward.

And yet, the rewards to be gained in acknowledging GOD's ways are nothing to be compared to the infinite privilege available to those that find HIS will.

To be sure, no one in the Old Testament ever realized God's will. It was a mystery hidden from them (Colossians 1:26). Without the revelation of Christ, it did not matter that Moses, Gideon, or Daniel had obeyed God in their trying times, yet none fulfilled HIS will. What is indeed the case is that they humbled themselves and followed HIS ways but none can be said to have fulfilled God's will. Without Christ, all in the Old Testament were unable to walk in God's will even though they walked in HIS ways (Hebrews 11:39).

When we begin to appreciate God's will over and above HIS ways, when we begin to appreciate HIS desire for us to be like HE is more than our desires for what HE has or what HE can do, then we have arrived at the greatest inheritance in all existence. In that venue, appreciating Christ becomes our essence for living. No wonder the apostle Paul who grasped this revelation was able to disregard any other achievement (including being a born and circumcised Jew and a teacher of the law) and center on Christ, citing:

Php 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of

all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

The apostle knew that this gain more than compensated whatever loss incurred in attaining it. For in mastering the knowledge of Christ is the opportunity to being filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19). And in this quest, the will of God is fulfilled and no loss incurred in pursuing it is worth the salt.

Everything pales in comparison.

TRUE CHRISTIANITY

Wait a minute, do you realize how much there is to be gained in Christ?

Christianity in this guise is far more than a religion; it exceeds any form of godliness that denies the power thereof. It is for this reason that I get appalled when I see those who claim to be Christian leaders endeavor to engage in some roundtable negotiations with religious leaders. They vainly hope that in comparing Christianity, as a religion, to other religions, they may gain in winning some of the world to the faith.

Others are even more ridiculous and engage in this unholy communion in the excuse of uniting against sin; in their folly, they presume that working with priests of the devil pretending to be agents of light is a necessary endeavor against works of evil.

And yet this is not so, the whole exercise is terribly dubious and an exhibition of gross folly: For one, Christianity is not a religion. It has never been and can never be. Anyone

that sees it that way has never understood the mystery of Christ and therefore has not come to terms with the will of God. As such, any comparison of Christianity with any of the world's religions is an abomination, a wasted exercise and an obscene presentation and ridiculous manipulation of who Christ is and what HE came to accomplish.

Fortunately today, there are many believers in Christ who agree with this reasoning. Many evangelical believers agree that our faith is not a religion; they realize that it is far more than that. However, most errantly limit Christianity to a relationship with God.

While relationship with God is indeed the beginning of what Christianity is all about, there is so much more to it, infinitely more. Make no mistakes about it, when we believe Christ and receive HIM in our hearts, we are instantly related to God as sons:

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

This new heritage is wonderful, most glorious. For the one that arrives to this point receives the most enviable relationship in all eternity; he receives the enormous privilege of knowing God as Father.

And yet, there is so much more: Believing Christ and becoming a son of God is indeed the beginning of the Christian faith, and Christ is indeed the author of this faith but there is a finish to it that many evangelical believers and ministers hardly have referred to (Hebrews 12:2).

Regrettably, for a long time most of what we call evangelical faith has actually been content at keeping the body of Christ at *becoming sons* of God oblivious of the fact that whereas that ought to be the *intro* to the faith it is not the *sum total* of what Christianity is all about.

This matter is particularly important if we are to fully appreciate the will of our Father.

Consequently, the will of the Father is not merely for us to be HIS children, however wonderful that may be, but to function as HE does. God desires that we accomplish all that HE can, performing as HE does. That is why when teaching HIS disciples how to pray the LORD Jesus did not say, "Let thy will be on earth as it is in heaven" but rather HE taught, "Let thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

To 'be' on earth as 'it is' in heaven would be tantamount to those who believe in Christ being sons of God resident on earth just as HE resides in heaven; which indeed is the case. However, when the word 'done' is put in the picture, we are revealed to the fact that not only must we be sons of God resident here on earth but it is essential that we function as sons of God even as our Father does in heaven. The believer is mandated to work on earth the very things that God does in heaven; the mandate requires that we make the earth a heavenly experience.

We then observe that it is possible to divide the will of God into two parts: The first one, where we are *initiated* into *the family of God* and the second one, where we *mature into* functioning as bona fide members of the Godfamily.

Now, whereas most evangelicals are rightly excited about *being sons of God*, it is high time that we venture beyond this privilege into *functioning as sons of God*. Until we do, we would not have accomplished the will of our Father.

In fact, the apostle Paul did reveal the extent to which merely being sons of God can be comparable to being a child that is not any different in real terms to an unbeliever. Writing to the church in Galatia, he educated thus:

Gal 4:1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Gal 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

In this sense, Paul underscored why it becomes difficult to distinguish sons of God from those that are not. Now, this is incredibly significant because the often quoted peculiarity of the sons of God the apostle Peter alludes to in his first letter (1 Peter 2:9) is dependent on maturing into sons that function like our Father. As long as we remain content at being sons of God and not maturing to function as such, our peculiarity as a people distinguished from others will not be obvious.

Spiritual immaturity on the part of God's children has come at a heavy cost: For one, it explains why this certainly to Christianity is considered to be a religion by many, comparable to other faiths in this It also explains world. why believers face the circumstances of life and are limited in just the same ways unbelievers are. Sadly so, but it further explains why many believers do not believe and experience the miraculous.

The tragic similarity continues: For one, it also and most certainly explains why like many unbelievers, many believers are ignorant as to what constitutes God's will, and why many therefore, like unbelievers, confuse events and circumstances, favorable or unfavorable, to being the will of God. Further still, it explains why many believers are rather estranged from God and find it difficult to appreciate God as Father (John 5:1).

Finally, this immaturity among evangelicals and others that believe in Christ does explain why they allow themselves to be unequally yoked with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14).

And yet, this is not what God intended from the very beginning. THE FATHER'S WILL seeks to transcend HIS children beyond the human experience to a divine realm that is superior and beyond the reach of mortal men. This is the immortal privilege that HE revealed to Moses regarding Israel when HE instructed him to tell them:

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Unfortunately, Israel missed it: Their covetous eye preoccupied them with admiring the other nations and their ways so much that they overlooked what God intended for them, and through them, for all nations (1 Samuel 8, 12). Although God had sought to reveal HIS will through Israel in a measure that should have caused the nations to learn from Israel how to be as the Father, the reverse was the case. Instead, Israel was jealous of nations that should have envied them.

In the end, they forsook the covenants, worshipped false gods, and went off track so much that even when the day of their visitation came when they should have perceived God's Christ, and therefore their immortal privilege; their covetous eye caused them to overlook HIM so much that they killed HIM (Acts 3:12-15).

They killed the Christ because they did not know HIM (John 8:19); and they did not know

HIM because they forsook God's covenant in preference for the fallible traditions of men that denied the very power of God by which they ought to have been immortal (Matthew 15:8-9).

To be sure, God had always intended that Israel be exalted above all persons. If they had perceived the will of God, if they had hearkened to HIS word and believed all HIS prophets, they would have been a distinguished people from all the peoples of the earth.

This was always going to be the direct effect of them living in the will of the Father. For in that immortal privilege is the revelation of humanities divinity. As divine beings among mortal men they would have been a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, an exalted specie. Comparable to other nations, they would have been gods.

Tragically, they settled for much less than God offered. And not without grave consequences: To be sure, they suffered gravely as instead of being exalted among the nations, several times they fell victim to the nations. Observing their profound folly and pondering the damnations they suffered, God lamented:

Psa 82:6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

So divorced were they from this immortal privilege that it is their inferior perceptions of God's plan that blinded them from the possibility that Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, could actually be the Son of God, sent from above and yet dwelling among them (John 6:42).

They were incensed at HIS claims to being the Son of God; they accused HIM of blaspheme however much HE sought for them to perceive the revelation of THE FATHER'S WILL:

Joh 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken:

Joh 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

If ever there was a moment of truth, this was it: Here was the Son of God, the express image and likeness of God and the very brightness of HIS eternal glory, withstanding the fiercest opposition from people who HE had come to make as HE is. HE had come to prove to them that humanity was always intended to be divine. By clothing HIS divinity in humanity, HE sought for humanity to cloth on divinity.

This transformation would have fulfilled God's earnest desire and ensured them as special specie from above superior to men as natural specie from beneath (John 8:23).

But sadly to say, they missed it. They forsook the greatest inheritance ever. Inspite of being blessed and paying due attention to the teachings of the greatest teacher ever, they failed to learn. Offended and incensed at HIS claims, they missed HIS mission.

Fortunately, all was not lost because some believed and as many as believed, HE gave them the power to be called the sons of God (John 1:12).

'as many' transcends ethnic boundaries to include all those beyond the borders of Israel. Anyone that believes in Christ Jesus has partaken of this privilege and is therefore a different kind of specie unlike what they may have been before, superior to any in the earth:

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This kind of person is a heavenly specie superior to those that are of the earth: Just as Jesus declared that HE was from above and that those who did not believe in HIM were from beneath (John 8:23), similarly HE distinguished those that believed in HIM as not being of this world; in a sense implying their superiority to those of this world. Praying to the Father, HE revealingly implored:

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world.... They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by

Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world

I also have sent them into the world. John 17:14, 16-18

And just as HE was sent from above by HIS Father, and with HIS Father's authority, HE likewise has sent us from above with all power and authority (John 20:21).

Those who presume that we were flagged off from Mount Olive (following the ascension of Christ) or the city of Jerusalem (following the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost) lack revelation in these things. Hadn't the Master revealed from whence HE was sent they would similarly have suggested that Jesus was sent from Nazareth or the river Jordan. Like the Pharisees of old, they carnally study the scriptures and err in depreciating its sanctified truth (Matthew 22:29).

To be sure, those who believe in Christ have been ordained and commissioned from above. By this is implied that we are destined from a realm superior to the human experience from whence we come to disciple the nations and establish the Kingdom of God (Galatians 3:27-29).

It is in this sense that Christ also declared us to be a light in this world (Matthew 5:14). Paul also caught this revelation and chided believers for disregarding their peculiarity in comparison to unbelievers. He counseled thus:

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness

with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Important in this regard is the fact that Jesus had actually referred to HIMSELF as light:

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Joh 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

And in this declaration, HE reveals the fact that not only is HE a *brilliant light* but HE is a *functioning light*, one beneficial to men.

This element of a functioning light, of comparing our light to doing our Father's works (in the sense of more than performing HIS duties to actually performing them with similar ability to HIS) is of vital importance in this subject of THE FAHER'S WILL: As such, we are not merely a light in the symbolic sense of the word or as a label that we can employ to identify ourselves. Neither are we merely a light by virtue of doing what would generally be considered as good works as

much as we are to be a light in the sense of being the revelation of God among men and demonstrating this in doing HIS works or works that can only be attributed to God.

We must understand that the Father is not content at having children that are only good at lifting HIM up. HE desires sons that will do so and venture further to manifesting HIS glory among men so that they too will lift HIM up.

This is why Jesus did not merely suggest that we are the light of the world and leave it at that. HE ventured further urging that we demonstrate our brilliance so to say. After saying that we are the light of the world, HE went further to counsel that we qualify our status and shine:

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

In this sense, we are then presented with a proper understanding of what Christianity is supposed to be: It certainly is far more than a religion. It is also far more than having a relationship with God, even as one where we acknowledge HIM Father. as less nothing than Christianity is supernatural phenomenon, a manifestation of God's will, a divine mandate of men assuming the revelation of God demonstrating it in glorious works that only God is deemed able to do.

I must offer a most serious caution to those who seek to separate the supernatural from faith in Christ: Any such attempt is satanic and is occasioned by the spirit of doubt and unbelief. Without the supernatural, we do not have a faith worth attaching Christ's exalted Name to. Faith in Christ must be a supernatural experience backed with wonders.

Any appreciation of God and therefore HIS offspring (which is what all believers are) would know that signs and wonders are synonymous with divinity. God is miraculous by HIS nature and so should HIS sons be. Matter of fact, the prophet Isaiah appreciated this truth and quoted God's reverend claim:

Isa 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

It couldn't be for nothing that Christ HIMSELF gave critical attention to HIS ability to do wonders. This gift for the supernatural is the ultimate evidence Christ HIMSELF presented to an anxious John the Baptist when he sought HIM to affirm HIS Messianic claim:

Mat 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
Mat 11:3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?
Mat 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

Mat 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

In the other instance I quoted earlier in which HE was confronted by religious teachers to verify HIS claim as the sent Messiah, the beloved Son of God, HE alluded to HIS supernatural works as proof:

Joh 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Joh 10:37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

Joh 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

That is why HE guaranteed that if we believed in HIM, we too would do the same works:

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do

also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

True Christianity (and I employ the phrase intentionally to suggest that there is such a thing as a fake Christianity) is supernatural being, living, and doing. It is a faith where men begin by believing in Christ and grow into performing like God. This is the will of the Father, an experience where men supplant their frail humanity with divine glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). It is also a move of glory that occasions those who uphold and grow in this faith to be a peculiar entity among men, a royal priesthood according to the Melchizedek order (1 Peter 2:9; Hebrew 7).

Consequently, the entire membership of this faith constitutes what is euphemistically referred to as the *body of Christ* which is also a *kingdom of light* (1 Corinthians 12:27; Colossians 1:13). Wherein, each and everyone of its celebrated members is destined for nothing less than ever increasing glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). Far superior to the righteous person of the Old Covenant who

falls seven times (Proverbs 24:16), the true Christian grows from faith to faith (Romans 1:17).

My friend, if you know what a Christian is you will appreciate that he does not fall because he cannot fall. He may think he does, others may think he does, but that is just because they do not know what a Christian really is. Paul was careful not to generalize the consistent and unequivocal benefit of the believer when he hilariously declared:

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Are you a Christian and you think you are in trouble? You are called of God and you locate yourself in trouble? A thousand times NO! It can never happen. It may seem that way to those who do not know what a Christian is but that is so far from the truth. A Christian can never be in trouble; he is above the trouble. And if the truth were told, bad things do not happen to Christians; they happen for them.

Every negative circumstance is a tool in the hands of a believer who perceives THE FATHER'S WILL. It is material by which he is going to reveal the glory of God.

It does not matter the incidence, neither does its gravity bear any significance. What is certain is that *greater is HE that is in him than the devil that is in the world* (1 John 4:4).

AS HE IS SO ARE WE

Every believer worth the salt is likened to Christ. They are identical with HIM. John who was quite intimate with the LORD affirmed this communion when he said:

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

The question therefore is- *How is HE?* If the Christian would really like a true impression of his condition inspite of the circumstances he contends with, he ought to first answer the question: *How is Jesus Christ? How is HE right now?*

Of course HE is above all else, the reigning King eternal whose enemies are all overcome and pending destruction. HE has overcome the world (John 16:33). The scriptures declare concerning HIS victory over HIS adversaries:

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

And HE assured us thus:

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Conscious of the identity of the believer with his LORD, and therefore his participation in the victory of Christ, John hilariously declared:

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

And that, my friend, is the word of our testimony, the will of God by which we have overcome the world. Our victory is not anticipated; it is a foregone conclusion. The Christian has no business praying for

victory; our business is believing our victory.

All he/she has to do is access by faith what has already been accomplished in the realm of the spirit.

When we have faith *in* Christ, and then mature to have the faith *of* God, we would discover and partake of the greatest inheritance in all existence by which we are like HIM and can function like HE does. It is only then that we become so conscious of the love God has for us. We become conscious of HIS promised resolve never to abandon us but to be with us to the end of the age (Matthew 28:15).

Now, this is the greatest affection and comprehending its infinite measure would permit us to be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

That is incredibly awesome; out of this world and yet present in it. To be sure, it is indeed possible and is generously available in the glorious life of each and every believer. Each of them is blessedly privileged to have the incredible workings of grace activating sufficient power in their innermost being to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which any mortal man may ask, or think about (Ephesians 3:20).

Essentially, what this mysterious undertaking at work in every believer boils down to is the mind-boggling reality of God the Holy Spirit working awesomely in the spirit of believer's to ensure their outcome to be identical, synonymous, and altogether one with God the Father and the Son.

God is at work in every believer to ensure their omnipotent essence; every passing day begins and passes on with HIS infinite commitment to labor in love converting the believer from the vagaries of mortal limitation to the sanctified precincts of immortal liberty.

Beloved, no father or mother, brother or sister, or even closest of friend, ever desired this immortal privilege for their most favored one. None could, let alone work on it. No father ever bequeathed his favored son such a glorious inheritance; no mother ever wished it

for her favored child; and yet God has sealed it with HIS blood and Spirit.

HE loves you that much. There is no human comparison to the affection God has shown those who are HIS in Christ. This love is passed that limited arena; it is way beyond human comprehension.

The apostle Paul who certainly had a glorious measure of this revelation summed it in such amazing profundity that ought to be well meditated on by every Christian when he said:

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

This is the Father's will: To set apart for HIMSELF a divine people to love, to communion with, to be HIS type and person, able to do all that HE can; a people without

defeat, a reigning people that are above and above only; a glorious people that belong to HIM and reign over and own over all.

This is the reason Christ came to the world, to make known this will. While HE was in the world HE was the full expression of that will. HE wasn't just the Son of God in the sense that HE claimed HE was; HE proved HE was in many works that were synonymous with the divine ability of God. Many also believed HE was the Sent One on this ground. They reasoned thus:

Joh 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

The evidence from the works HE did was so overwhelming to many that they ruled out any arguments against HIS Messianic claim:

Joh 7:31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

Ultimately, HE desired that we imitate HIM in this sense. HE sought that we too in believing in HIM and being HIS disciples would mature into being a similar expression of that will by performing acts of God, doing the supernatural. And so, HE sent us just as HE was sent:

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

In functioning this will, in exercising our faith, HE seeks that we reign on earth even as HE reigns in heaven. More than that really, THE FATHER'S WILL truly places us together with Christ at the right hand of majesty and power from whence we reign with Christ over heaven and earth, over and above all principalities and powers.

My dear, the Father desires that we appreciate that it is indeed HIS good pleasure to give us the Kingdom (Luke 12:32). And in this Kingdom, we are joint heirs with Christ Jesus for all that God is and has (Romans 8:17). In this dispensation, all the promises of God are yes and amen (2 Corinthians 1:20).

So to say, Christianity is not a religion nor merely is it a relationship; it is exceeds all that. It is a revelation of God. This is our blessed inheritance- to be, and have, and do as God is, has, and does.

If we must break down this enormous privilege, this most glorious of all inheritance, to a single word (an exercise I deem to be profoundly necessary at this point), we would use the word LIFE or what is better known as eternal life. The sum total of what the Father bequeaths those who believe in Christ, the essential privilege HE has given HIS sons is eternal life. This is the mother of all promises, the one thing that God did not put on the table before Jesus came.

It was never offered to Abraham, or Isaac, or Jacob, or even to Moses, or Israel, or David, not even to Elijah who was taken body, soul, and spirit into heaven in chariots of fire. This is not what Enoch received when he walked with God right into heaven.

None of the patriarchs received it and neither did any of the prophets; the law couldn't give it (Galatians 3:21). And you can be sure that regardless the magnitude of glory that they all experienced back then on the basis of covenants that God made with them yet nothing in all the privileges they gained begins to even compare with eternal life.

I guarantee you with utmost assurance that eternal life exceeds in measure all the gains available in the law; it surpasses in blessing all the blessings of the patriarchs, the law, and the prophets put together and factored at any exponential value. It exceeds the privilege of going to heaven; it's greater than any splendor, power, or wonder that the entire hosts of angels in heaven are privy to.

The one that has it stands in awesome greatness without any other comparison. They belong to a unique and exclusive specie of sovereign spirits akin to none other than God Almighty.

When Jesus made an effort to describe its immensity compared to the greatest of the Old Testament, HE clarified:

Mat 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This may sound scandalous, even disturbing to the carnal mind but it is nevertheless true: Eternal life renders you above the greatest ever. Eternal life positions you above all the patriarchs, the law, and all the prophets. It crowns you with an all-surpassing royalty making you a king that exceeds in virtue, wisdom and power above all the kings of Israel, all the kings of the kingdoms of men, over the entire array of the kingdom of Satan. Eternal life ensures you are above the angels

in heaven; it positions you above the heavens, even the highest of heaven.

It is extremely important that you realize the weight of this immortal privilege. Many that believe in Christ do not appreciate the enormity of privilege the Father has bestowed them when they believe the Son, Jesus Christ. So many rank themselves among the sons of men born of women; many consider the law, the prophets, and the patriarchs to be superior to who they are in Christ. Many locate themselves beneath the kings of Israel, the kings of this world, beneath angels, and even beneath the devil and demonic spirits and their agents.

Their *faith in Christ* is corrupted with a tragic ignorance of their *inheritance in Christ*. Sadly, in believing the LORD they remain ignorant of THE FATHER'S WILL. They fail to lay hold of eternal life and are profoundly unable to reveal the exceeding glory that eyes have not seen and ears have not heard.

And yet, this immense tragedy need not be your lot if you have believed the LORD Jesus;

it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom (Matthew 13:11). Eternal life belongs to you and God has ordained that you should know it even as HE has ordained the necessary wisdom pertaining to all its enormous virtue (1 Corinthians 2:7).

Consider this book as a divine effort in this majestic regard.

THE FATHER'S WILL

Beloved, I have obeyed the Holy Spirit who has gently and passionately taught me what you are reading now so that you may not be ignorant concerning what the will of God is. Do not be deceived by those given to carnal impressions that seek to simplify the will of God to the circumstances of life. Nor should the subject be of any mystery to you as a son of God. If you are a believer in the LORD Jesus Christ, if you are a Christian, it has been given to you to understand this mystery by the Spirit of God. This is your beloved inheritance, unknown throughout time and to the carnal mind but now graciously revealed to you:

We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden

wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they

known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into

the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

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Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.....

Now, we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the

Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that

have been freely given to us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:7-10, 12

Herein lies God's highest purpose, our most glorious privilege, the ultimate inheritance. It shouldn't be denied, the offer shouldn't be wasted; on the contrary, it should be seized upon. Many holy men desired to and they didn't, the angels themselves desire it and they cannot. This is your privilege because you are chosen and selected by God to reign with Christ. Seize this glorious chance; this is your time for your inheritance from your God:

Joh 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

When HE refers to knowing the Father and the Son, we must appreciate the depths of this privilege: HE isn't referring to the limited precincts of mental acknowledgement or intellectual recognition. The knowledge here is far richer than that realm of understanding. On a most serious note, HE is speaking of a profound communion of knowledge wherein the knower and the known commingle into a single body; in other words, HE is speaking of an integration of the believer and HIS God.

Beloved, eternal life is simply being infused into the God-family by virtue of possessing the very life of God. It is nothing less than being God in part and person.

Is that possible in this day or even ever? Yes it absolutely is. What is impossible with men is indeed possible with God (Matthew 19:26): Rest assured that Christ Jesus has made it possible. This is what the patriarchs, the law, and the prophets could not give because they did not have it. But this is what Jesus came for. HE was, is, and will always be God and the principle giver of eternal life. And HE has given it to those that believe this testimony.

My dear, believe it; do not let carnality and those given to the dictates of this world work you out of this most wonderful of all privileges. The things I write to you have their beginning way before the foundation of the world and will endure beyond the test of time (Matthew 5:18). Every other persuasion will perish, every other wisdom has an end, but the words herein have eternal assurance and will forever be true:

1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1Jn 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Believe these words, celebrate their guarantee; permit the Holy Spirit to clarify their ostentatious meaning to you. Implore HIM in all earnestness to enlighten the eyes of your understanding so that you will master the Father's will in word and in deed (Ephesians 1:18-20). This is the essential witness of heaven to men, the ultimate privilege God has given.

If ever there was something to be believed, to be seized, to be gained, this is it. May the Holy Spirit enable you to believe this testimony:

1Jn 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1Jn 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
1Jn 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Beloved, refuse to be confused about what THE FATHER'S WILL is; refuse to be short-changed by messengers of darkness who seek to corrupt your precious faith in the Lord Jesus. Make no mistakes about it, eternal life is the ultimate privilege God has reserved for HIS sons. It is the true will, the ultimate inheritance.

Nothing else is, not even miracles: Rather than ask or even rejoice in the miracles of God it is worth a lot more to celebrate eternal life (Luke 10:20). Nothing else compares: Not even going to heaven. As joyous as both heaven and miracles may be, bear in mind that heaven is a privileged place and miracles are a privileged act but eternal life is the glory that works them to being. When you have eternal life, you command heaven; you possess and

reign over it with Christ and consequently, you preside over miracles.

That said, it is essential that you realize that eternal life is not at all synonymous with going to heaven; it is indeed far more than that. You don't prospect on it in the presumption that you will gain it after your death as though heaven will give it to you. Rather, and the truth must be emphasized, when you believed in the LORD, HE gave it to you. Your faith in Christ has occasioned this most enviable of privileges in you. Christ has given you eternal life.

You have it, you have eternal life; you are reconciled with God and therefore have fellowship with the Father and the LORD Jesus. You are one with God.

Be extremely confident of this omnipotent heritage. The one that has eternal life has glorious liberty. The LORD's audacious assurance assumes great light in this perspective. Speaking to HIS disciples HE revealed:

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

This book may well be the most profound material you have ever read. Apart from the scriptures, it may well be the most sincere and genuine truth you have ever come across. In its various details, are words that if you permit to get the better of you should transform you into a field of unlimited propensity.

In its pages you will encounter glorious revelation: You will discover that the will of God transcends merely delivering us from all that is evil to venturing us into a realm of infinite opportunities beyond human comprehension. The Christian is in this sense not only free from darkness; more than that, he is free into the furthest reach of God's light. You should also discover the most excellent means of experiencing life as well as the need for faith in God and

compassion for all men. You will discover a lot more.

Divided into four broad subjects and structured so that you may be articulately presented with the enormity, and if possible, the full-charge of God's will, the book will unleash a rigorous resolve in your utter innermost being to be God's best and nothing less. In this quest, THE FATHER'S WILL is a timeless spiritual opportunity intended to start a driving force of divine energy in you that is sure to mature your faith beyond the precincts of believing in Christ to actually performing like God.

Get ready never to be the same again. Get ready to perform more and more like God. Get ready to venture into the infinite potentials that God has always intended for you.

Never again will you be a victim to the circumstances of life or the trickery whims of hells forces. Never again will you be confused, beleaguered, and dumbfounded when terror strikes. Never again shall you be

confused as to what the will of God is or even who God is. And, never again shall you be confined to the dictates of frail humanity or the manipulations of those who do not know better.

As your heart awakes to the penetrative details of these truths, you shall be sanctified in soul and nourished in spirit. The results on your body and circumstances of life will amaze you and a multitude of others as you will literally manifest the very glory of God. Those who doubted you will learn to believe you even as they believe God. Those who contended with you will seek peace as they come to terms with their limited abilities compared to your new disposition. And those who neglected you, and so many others, will seek you as they discover you as God's answer to their every need, even to their most

From henceforth, it will become apparent to you and others that you are a revelation of God. All those who have sought to know God will discover HIM through you. You will

urgent prayers.

display HIS glory, HIS wonder, and splendor. Whatever you do will be a manifestation of God in action; wherever you go will be a **demonstration of God on the move.** You, my friend, will reveal God to the world and beyond. Even the angels above and the devils beneath will learn God from you. You will manifest eternal life to principalities and will them fresh you show powers; manifestations of God they have never seen or known (Ephesians 3:10).

As this abundant life of glory shines on you, as you make its eternal presence renown in time, you will unveil hidden things that prophets and divine kings never ever knew. Your divine authority far outclasses Moses' audacity and the deliverance you proclaim and demonstrate among the nations exceeds his performance in Egypt, the wilderness, and the entire legacy of the law. Not even the wise King Solomon ever comprehended the extent of your infinite mandate; it was beyond his thought process and way outside his religious interest. Your royal-priestly tenure will

exceed every legendary kingdom ever known (Daniel 2:37).

I tell you, get ready to receive kings and princes, heads of states and prime ministers, men of renown and power coming to pay you excellent heed. They will appear like children to heed your counsel and pay their tribute (Isaiah 61).

And in this quest, God will clearly be seen in you, and you will clearly be seen in HIM. It is also possible that you will be baptized afresh by the mighty Holy Spirit, and will be recharged in a new wave of revival that will affect those near and far from you. The world will be a better place because of you. So will the Church and the Kingdom of God. All of creation has been groaningly awaiting this moment of truth (Romans 8:22). And the nations of the world beckon your mandate (Acts 16:9).

This is the almighty truth, and nothing less than the truth:

O PRAISE the LORD, all you nations; praise HIM,

all you people. For HIS merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the LORD endures for ever. Praise you the LORD. Psalm 117