

Prayer

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. Acts 3:19-20 (NLT)

1 Timothy 6:10, Page 1,070.

GOD, I HAVE IGNORED YOU!

Heavenly Father,

I repent of my foolishness in every area of my life. I repent of abandoning you in any and every area of my life. I don't want my foolishness to destroy my life or my family. I love my family. I repent of being focused on making money. I repent of considering the words of the world and the ways of the world as important. Wow, Lord, I repent of all idol worship in my life. All of it. Rip it out of my heart and life. Show me, oh please show me my false idols. I want you to be the center of my worship. This story has put a holy fear in my heart for you and what you will do.

I can see how you have been so kind to me, so patient with me. I remember the times you have gently warned me to draw closer to you, but I ignored you. Often I abandoned you. I am sorry.

But, even after the mess I have made. Even after the way I have treated you, you still want me as your child. This tattered, runaway is coming back. I come to you. I come to your throne room. Sorry about getting your golden floor dirty from my sins. But I come boldly.

In Jesus name, Amen

Child, listen to me. I love you! I forgive you. I have waited for this day. Can I pick you up and hold you? Will you rest your head on my chest and let me hold you? I love you. Can you feel it? Please believe it!

Precious baby, I want to restore your life. I promise to turn all your messes out for good. You will be amazed at what I want to do in you. You will be amazed at what I can do. I am the God of the impossible.

Put your hope in me. Seek me with all of your heart. This new journey won't be easy, we have a lot of work to do. It will take time. I am willing to put my all into your life to help you; but you have to 'let' me. The success of this journey depends on you letting me work. You see, I will not fix any part of your life that you are not willing to open to me.

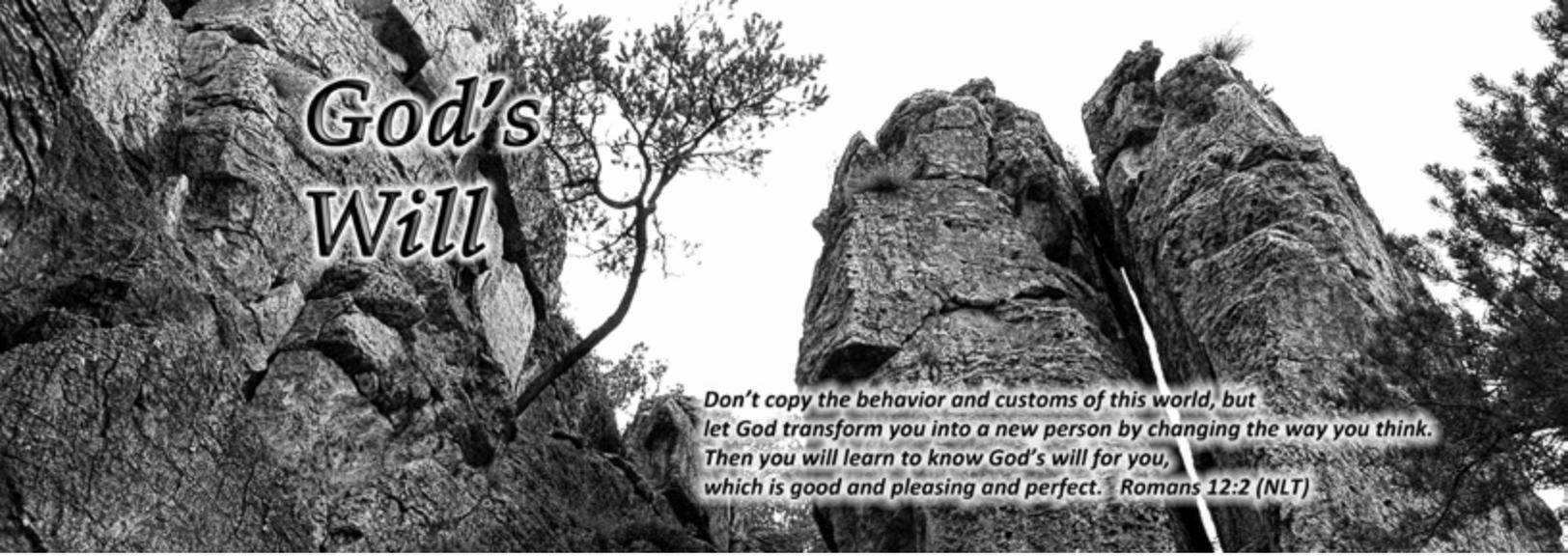
The victory, the peace, the comfort, the joy is waiting for you. I so long to lavish you with my blessings. The only thing hindering you, is you. Your lack of faith, your hardness of heart, your laziness in seeking me, and your pride which keeps you from repenting will stop our progress. Come, princess, come totally to me!

Let's make something wonderful out of your life. Let's leave a legacy of God's love to your children, and grandchildren. Come, all the way, for I love you.



WHETHER
A PERSON
HAS CHRIST
IS WHAT MATTERS,
AND
HE IS
EQUALLY
AVAILABLE
TO ALL.
COLOSSIANS 3:11 (LB)





God's Will

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

RELY ON CHRIST

RELY ON CHRIST'S LOVE

Read **1 John 4:15-19**.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

1 John 4:16

In Webster's Dictionary, "rely" is defined as 1) to be dependent on; 2) to have confidence based on experience. (Merriam-Webster, Inc, Springfield, MA, 1996)

"The Spirit of God is the Spirit of love. The new nature in the children of God is the offspring of his love: and the temper and complexion of it is love. The fruit of the Spirit is love, **Gal. 5:22**. Love comes down from heaven." (Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Complete and Unabridged in One Volume. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996)

Warren Wiersbe says this "The world does not really believe God is love. They look at the awful ravages of sin in the world and say, "How can a God of love permit these things to happen?" But people need never doubt God's love: He proved His love at the cross. Christ died that we might live "through" Him (**1 John 4:9**), "for" Him (**2 Cor. 5:15**), and "with" Him (**1 Thes. 5:9-10**). The logic is clear: "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." We should love each other in the same measure and manner as God loves us. The cross is a plus sign; it reconciles sinners to God and people to one another. If two Christians do not love one another, they have taken their eyes from the cross." (Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament, Wheaton, IL, Victor Books, 1997)

God commands us to be dependent on His love. God is faithful and His love never ends. In Scripture, Jesus is called the Rock of our Salvation. He is dependable. God never changes. His love is always the same. We can depend on Him. We must believe in and rely on God's love in our lives.

God is love. The world is starving to death for love. Many in the world have decided that Jesus Christ is their enemy, and with that they believe love is their enemy. Jesus Christ is not our enemy. He loves us. We must turn to Him and rely on Jesus and His love and turn from the fickle love the world offers.

RELY ON THE BIBLE

Read **James 3:9-10, Page 1,048**. RELY ON GOD'S WORD INSTEAD OF ON THE WORDS OF MAN.

All people make mistakes and all people sin with their tongues. Your parents may have said hurtful things to you that you've carried within you for many years.

We must never let past words control our attitudes. The lies may be so strong in our mind that we can't believe God loves us. You must start looking at yourself in truth. The truth is found in God's Word.

Opinions and attitudes may come from our past experiences and learning. If our background is filled with ungodliness and negative experiences, we may believe many lies. The world doesn't teach the truth about God's attitude toward his people.

Read and write out ***Romans 8:38, Page 1,013.***

Are you convinced that nothing can separate you from God's love?

If your answer is no, what would it take to convince you?

Our thinking can be controlled by our emotions and each of us can be easily swayed by the notions of this world. Just like a huge wind blowing through a willow tree, so the wind of culture sways our thinking. The problem, we never know which way the wind is coming! If, like the willow tree, we do not have deep roots, the wind of continually changing values and morals in our culture will topple us. However, when we choose to dig our roots deep into Jesus Christ and the Bible we can stand strong and secure. Let the winds come, for through Jesus Christ and the Bible we will have the strength to stand, to live and to thrive! For to believe and to know that nothing, no nothing can separate you from the love of God is power!

RELY ON CHRIST'S VALUES

Read ***Colossians 3:11, Page 1,060.*** Whether a person has Christ is what matters. In different parts of the world, different kinds of people with different talents are considered of more or less value. American culture pushes you to be good looking, rich, athletic and educated. Our culture has rejected Biblical values.

We make ourselves miserable because of our false beliefs! When we believe in ourselves, that may seem like a good thing, but it is so much less than believing in and relying on what Christ says about you.

So many of us feel like failures because we have not achieved the goals we set for ourselves or the goals that the world has set for us. We can be free from that bondage of failure when we live believing in Christ's values.

Every day of our lives we can run into someone who is better looking, richer, smarter or more talented.

And guess what, that is OK. It isn't about those things; it is all about our relationship with Jesus.

***In this new life
one's nationality or
race or education or social position is unimportant;
such things mean nothing.***



***Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and
He is equally available to all.
Colossians 3:11 (LB)***

1. Rely on Christ, not on your appearance. Your worth does not come from your outward beauty.

**INNER BEAUTY RADIATES FROM WITHIN WITH THE
LOVE OF JESUS.**

Please read and write out **1 Samuel 16:7, Page 255.**

Please read and write out **1 Peter 3:3-4, Page 1,095.**

2. Rely on Christ, not on your bank account. Your worth does not come from your net worth.

Read and write out **Proverbs 27:24, Page 590.**

Read and write out **Matthew 6:19-20, Page 870.**

Please read **1 Timothy 6:6-10, Page 1,070.**

Verse 10 says,

***“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.
Some people, eager for money, have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”***