

# God's Man – The Christian

Unlike the doctrines of Calvinism, God predestined men to live a particular lifestyle, not the individual man. Any man that chose to do what God told them was acceptable with Him.

As we have seen in this series of lessons, God's position is always true, that He created man to "serve Him" to be according to "His purpose". He expects us to listen to Him carefully, and simply do what He asks. By doing so, we are pleasing to Him, and He rewards us with blessings here on earth and eternally in heaven.

This life is called eternal life. To fail in living the life He guides us to live, is to reject Him and die!

Herein lies the dangers, as we deceive our friends into thinking they are Christians, living in their sins, hoping they will enter heaven. Deception is the tool of Satan, not a Christian.

# 6000 Years of History

After 6,000 years of man's history and the Creation itself, it should be apparent that God made man for a particular purpose. That purpose is to love Him and Serve Him. The concept of not being subject to God at any time in life is false, for we are all His children by creation. We are His possession, though we are free to do what we want with our lives, but there are consequences.

These children from the creation all have the same issue in general, SIN!  
These children need to be pardoned to please God, and be what HE created us to be. We are all broken vessels.

We've seen that under all 3 dispensations in which God has governed men, that His expectations are the same, "Fear God, and keep His commandments, for that is the whole (duty) of man." Eccl. 12:13. The Christian has committed his life to God to keep His commandments, "If you love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15; 1 John 5:3.

We are not the creatures He made us to be, but we can learn to be that man once again. 2 Tim. 2:15 He has done His part, now we do ours.

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  - Designed to be Holy, without blemish. Vs. 4
  - Chosen to be His children (not Satan's). Vs. 5. But by His will!
  - To be accepted by His Grace, for His praise. Vs. 6 We must choose to serve and follow.
  - His Grace enabled us to have redemption by Christ's blood, whereby we are forgiven of our sins. Instantly, we are SINLESS! Vs. 7
  - HOW? He enabled us to know what we are to be, and how to be that man once again, and demonstrated it in His Son. Vs. 8,9. This was again, according to His purpose. Now we choose once again whether to serve Him or reject Him again. The Christian must choose to serve Him!

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  - Christ's death enables us to be united with those in heaven (heavenly hosts), and all who live to serve God. They by being created, and we by inheritance and recreation. Vs. 10-11. Once again, through His purpose and His Will.
  - We must trust Christ, including obedience, to be the man according to the design in His will, vs. 12-13.
  - We bear the seal of the Holy Spirit, as we live and demonstrate that will, vs. 13. Hearing and believing His Word, and living it.
  - Whereby, we have hope of the heavenly inheritance, the down-payment is made (forgiveness), and we continue making payments (The new life after Christ) until we die, Vs. 14. The result is His glory!

# The Blueprint of Man

- God has given us His blueprint to recreate His Man! 2 Tim. 3:16,17
  - Given by God's inspiration to men. Just as Christ mentioned he spoke, Jn. 14:31; Jn. 17:17ff
- To be a Christian, we will be His Man!
  - We will listen to Him speak through His Word, and do as He says. We will not depart from His "instruction in righteousness".
  - If we digress and transgress His Will, we will repent and confess our sin, and ask for His forgiveness. Jms. 5:16; 1 John 1:9. Just like men of old did. David— Ps. 19:13, and develop his heart, vs. 1-14.
  - Flee our worldly lusts! It's not about me, but about God! Jms 4:1-8,10. Humble ourselves to God.
- Knowledge got us into this mess, and knowledge will get us out!
  - This knowledge gives LIFE! Jn. 6:63
  - Read 1 John 1:1-3; Philippians 2:16.

# Conclusion

- **Are You Laboring in Vain?**
- **Do something about it while you can!!**