

## **THE LORD'S WILL (Part 2)**

### **His Desired Will**

*In our previous lesson we considered the **DETERMINED WILL** of God. Our first text in this lesson includes both **DETERMINED** & **DESIRED** examples. The **DETERMINED** is underlined and the **DESIRED** is italicized.*

#### **2 Peter 3:3-9**

**3** First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. **4** They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." **5** But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. **6** By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. **7** By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. **8** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. **9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. *He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

#### **What is a **DESIRED WILL**?**

*Our first example may be seen in the text above, "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

*Our second example of the Lord's **DESIRED WILL** is found in...*

#### **John 15:9-17**

**9** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** *If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love*, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. **14** *You are my friends if you do what I command.* **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** *You did not choose me, but I chose you* and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. **17** This is my command: Love each other.

## **What does this mean to me?**

- *God's DETERMINED WILL is that sin results in death...*
- *God's DESIRED WILL is that everyone respond to His gift of LOVE...*
- *How do we respond?*

**REPENT** (*change your heart & mind*)

**BAPTIZED** (*wash away your sins*)

**LIVE A NEW LIFE** (*the old has gone...*)

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