

What Every Christian Should Know



Core Beliefs to Help You
Stand Strong in a Shifting World

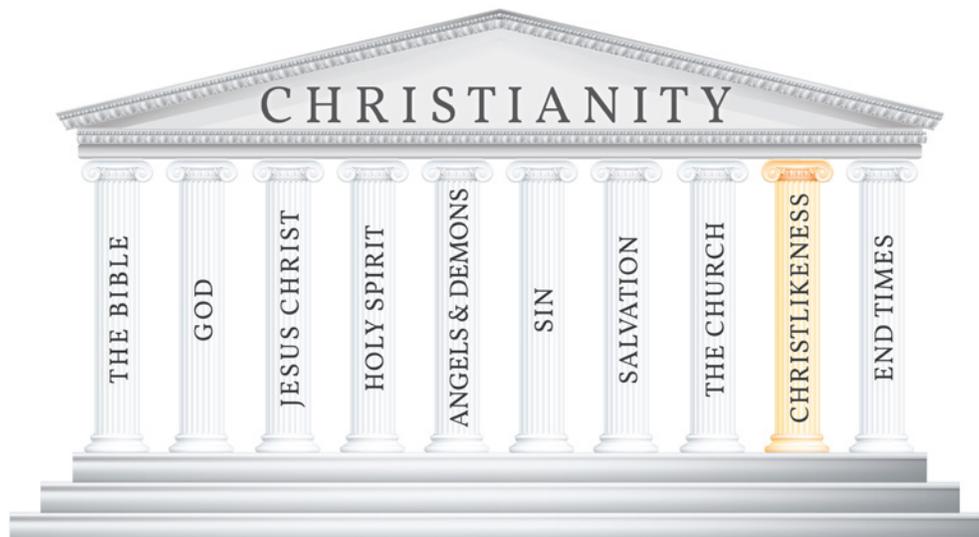
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ROMANS 8:28-29

Introduction: Discovering God’s will is not nearly as difficult as some people would have you think. Today, we are going to discover God’s will for your life and the role you play in fulfilling that plan.

10 PILLARS OF HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY



I. The Purpose Of Sanctification (Romans 8:28-29)

Definition: Sanctification is the process by which God **molds** our actions, attitudes, and affections to **resemble** Jesus Christ.

A. The Promise (Romans 8:28)

Romans 8:28 “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

The Promise Is NOT Claiming That . . .

1. All things are **good**.
2. We can **see** good in all things.



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B. The Promise of a Purpose (Romans 8:29)

Romans 8:29 “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.”

1. God has a **purpose** for your life.
2. God’s purpose includes **all** things.
3. God is in **control** of all that happens to you.

Psalm 139:16b “...in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”

Proverbs 16:9 “The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”

II. The Process Of Sanctification (Philippians 1:6; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 4:22-24)

A. Our Responsibility (Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:8)

Galatians 5:16 “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 ²² “In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

Colossians 3:8 “But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.”

B. God’s Responsibility (Philippians 1:6)

Philippians 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”



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C. A Joint Responsibility (2 Peter 1:3-5; Romans 6:12-13)

2 Peter 1:3-5 ³ “Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge.”

Romans 7:18-19 ¹⁸ “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.”

Romans 6:12-13 ¹² “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

III. The Product Of Sanctification (Colossians 3:1-14)

Colossians 3:1-2 ¹ “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:5, 8-10 ⁵ “Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.”

Colossians 3:12 “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

A. Compassion

Mark 1:40-41 ⁴⁰ “A leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, ‘If You are willing, You can make me clean.’ ⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’”



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B. Kindness

Titus 3:4-5 ⁴ “But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

C. Humility

Romans 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

1 Corinthians 4:7 “For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”

D. Gentleness

Luke 23:34 “But Jesus was saying, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’”

E. Patience

Colossians 3:13 “Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”

F. Love

Colossians 3:14 “Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13 ¹ “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. ¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”