

## Jesus Came to Do the Father's Will

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Jesus declared that He came down from heaven to do His Father's will in John 6:38-40: "*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise Him up at the last day*" (KJV). Jesus, the Word of God, brought the faithful and true testimony of the Father's will to earth. This testimony was that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him may have everlasting life, and Jesus will raise him up on the last day. The Father's will is that of all He gives Jesus, Jesus should lose nothing but raise it up at the last day.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. The Father's will was to take away the old covenant of law and sacrifices for the covering of sin and to establish the new covenant of grace by the willing sacrifice of His Son for the taking away of sin. Hebrews 10:4-5 and 7-10 explains this: "*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared Me...Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do Thy will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*" These Scriptures show that it was prophesied that Jesus would come to earth to do God's will. God's will was to end the Old Covenant of daily sacrifices for the covering of sin and introduce a better way. This better way, the New Covenant, was the sacrifice of Jesus "once for all," to take away sin for all who see and believe on Jesus.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. He did His Father's will by being obedient to the Father. We read in Hebrews that His Father prepared a body for Jesus, a body that would be crucified to take away the sins of the world. In Philippians 2:8, we read that "*being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*" Obedience to the Father in humility is the Father's will.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. Obedience in keeping God's commandments gave Him joy – He delighted to do God's will. In John 15:10-13, He states: "*If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*" Keeping God's commandments, the commandment of loving one another as Jesus loves us, is God's will. The love we are to follow is the love that sacrifices for another. We are to follow Jesus in doing the Father's will.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. Jesus came to earth to testify of His Father's will and to reveal Him and His love. He did this in both word and action. His words were the words He heard from His Father, as He said in John 8:38: "*I speak that which I have seen with My Father and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.*" His actions were obedience, even being "*obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*" Jesus' attitude was one of joy and delight in keeping God's commandments in love. He knew how to love people. His time, words, and

actions were not His own; they were His Father's will, words, and actions. We read of no hobbies, entertainment, or collections of material goods. Instead, we read that He often slipped away from the people to spend time alone with His Father and learn from Him what to say and do. Even His nourishment was doing the Father's will, as He declared in John 4:34b: "*My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.*" We know from what is written that Jesus came to do His Father's will.