



GOOD NEWS
for the unsaved
WORLD!

(#6)
"Complete surrender" –
What the Good News is all about

KEY CONCEPT =
"SURRENDER"



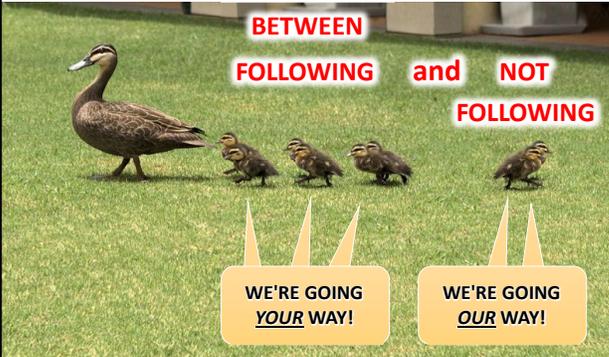
WE SURRENDER!
NO MORE
FIGHTING THE
KING OF KINGS!
WE WILL FOLLOW
HIM, INSTEAD!






IT'S NOT THAT
DIFFICULT!
THERE'S NO REASON
TO BE CONFUSED!

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
FOLLOWING and NOT
FOLLOWING



WE'RE GOING
YOUR WAY!
WE'RE GOING
OUR WAY!

**EVEN IF THE FOLLOWERS GET
TEMPORARILY DISTRACTED**



(SAME WITH THE
NON-FOLLOWERS) 2 STEPS YOUR WAY ...
10 STEPS OUR WAY!

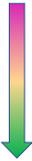
FOLLOWING JESUS has just ONE requirement.

ONLY ONE REQUIREMENT:
**COMPLETE
100% SURRENDER**
(EVERY "SQUARE INCH" OF LIFE)

>> NO area knowingly held back. <<

AS JESUS SAYS...
... none of you can be my disciples unless you give up everything.
Luke 14:33b (GW)

EVEN THOUGH WE ...



- ✓ Continue to discover new ways we need to surrender.
- ✓ Keep having to "re-surrender" old ways that we took back.

THERE IS STILL A DIFFERENCE ...

Between: ✓ Surrendering and
✓ NOT surrendering.

All of us were BORN

- **REBELS TO GOD**, offering our selves as slaves* to SIN.

Jesus replied, "I assure you that everyone who sins is a slave of sin."
John 8:34 (NLT)

Jesus' followers are BORN AGAIN

- **SURRENDERED TO GOD**, offering our selves as slaves* to RIGHTEOUSNESS.

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
Romans 6:18 (NIV)

* (We are a SLAVE to whatever CONTROLS us.)

Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master?
Romans 6:16a (NLT)

WHAT DOES "SURRENDER" RESULT IN?

- ✓ **IT STARTS with:** A change in THOUGHTS.



A "renewed" mind (Rom. 12:2).
This is the place where repentance begins.

- ✓ **THIS CAUSES:** A change in WORDS & ACTIONS.

A changed life – influenced by changed thinking.
This is what people SEE & HEAR.

SOONER OR LATER, THERE WILL BE A CLASH IN VALUES.

- ✓ **BETWEEN:** The WORLD and the JESUS-FOLLOWER.



This clash may occur in what you say and do, OR don't say and do.

- ✓ **THE RESULTS:** Unsaved people are not going to like it.

The world will oppose you, either behind your back, OR to your face.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO RESPOND TO THE WORLD'S OPPOSITION TO FOLLOWING JESUS?

JESUS SAYS...

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
Mark 8:38 (NIV)

THE APOSTLE JOHN WARNS...

Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father either. But anyone who confesses the Son has the Father also.
1 John 2:23 (NLT)

HOW?

HOW DO THESE "FOLLOWING JESUS" ISSUES APPLY TO TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE "GOOD NEWS"?

Basically this: We have to do it God's way, or we're not "following Jesus."

KEY CONCEPT = "SURRENDER"



= Yield	= Repent / believe
= Submit	= Change
= Accept	= Etc.

GOD MAKES OUR ABILITY POSSIBLE.

- ✓ **FIRST**, we need God's power to enable us to do it.

JESUS SAYS...

... apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5b (NIV)

- ✓ **SECOND**, we need God's Word to teach us what to do.

(We need to surrender our methods and cling to his methods – just like we need to surrender all other areas of life to him.)

GOD MAKES THEIR CHANGE POSSIBLE.

- ✓ **PEOPLE WILL BECOME SAVED**: By doing the same surrendering that God told us we needed to do.
- ✓ **SALVATION (when it occurs) WILL BE EVIDENT**. It will be seen by the surrendering that Jesus requires. (This is part of what Scripture calls the "fruit" of salvation.)

THE "ACT OF SURRENDERING" is the PROOF that a person has accepted the Good News about Salvation.

- ✓ This occurs when a person accepts the facts of Scripture and chooses to live by them. (This is called "believing" the Scriptures.)
- ✓ The presence of emotions is NOT the proof. (Unsaved people can have emotions when the Good News is proclaimed.)

?? What proves that a person is definitely SAVED? ??

The presence of EMOTIONS? NO!

BOTH fakes and enemies of the good news can also have emotions when the good news is shared!

FAKES may have temporary joy. **ENEMIES** may have anger and hatred.

They welcome the word with joy ... They believe for a while, but when their faith is tested, they abandon it.

Luke 8:13b (GW)

"We [apostles] are witnesses of these things, ..."

When [the religious leaders] heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Acts 5:32a, 33 (NIV)

?? What proves that a person is definitely SAVED? ??

The CHANGE, after SURRENDERING to the facts? YES!

When people STOP living in rebellion to God and START attempting to do all for God's glory... THAT is evidence that they are saved!

- IF THEY:**
- ✓ **PURSUE** a life of doing what God's Word tells them to do.
 - ✓ **PREFER** the things of God over all the "glitter" that the world offers.
 - ✓ **CHOOSE** to remain faithful when trials and testing come their way.



- ✓ **PURSUE** a life of doing what God's Word tells them to do.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

THE OTHERS HAVE DECEIVED THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THEY'RE SAVED.





✓ **PREFER** the *things of God* over all the "glitter" that the world offers.

Don't love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.

... the world and its evil desires are passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever.

1 John 2:15, 17 (GW)

[Moses] considered reproach for the sake of Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since he was looking ahead to the reward.

Heb 11:26 (CSB)



✓ **CHOOSE** to *remain faithful* when trials and testing come their way.

And everyone will hate you because of your allegiance to me. But those who endure to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13 (NLT)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Blessed are those who endure when they are tested. When they pass the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (GW)

OUR OBLIGATION?

(REALIZING THAT WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS AND ABILITIES)

EVEN IF WE ARE NOT GIFTED

with the ability to present a "polished presentation,"



IF WE ARE FOLLOWING JESUS,

we will *still* have values that will influence what we do and say. (And we *will* do and say something!)

IF YOU ARE FOLLOWING JESUS:

EVENTUALLY,

THE WORLD WILL NOT LIKE WHAT YOU DO AND SAY.

**** EVEN IF YOU DO EVERYTHING THE RIGHT WAY ****

And only TWO things can change this:

1. YOU CAN INCREASE THEIR HOSTILITY

⇒ IF you choose to act like a stupid, irritating jerk.

2. YOU CAN DECREASE THEIR HOSTILITY

⇒ IF you choose to deny Christ, by choosing to live an *unchanged* life – having the same values, talk, and conduct as the world.

WHEN PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS:

YOU WON'T HAVE TO USE THE "WRONG TECHNIQUE" TO GET THE WORLD TO HATE YOU!

If the world hates you, realize that it hated me [Jesus] before it hated you.

If you had anything in common with the world, the world would love you as one of its own.

But you don't have anything in common with the world. I chose you from the world, and that's why the world hates you.

John 15:18-19 (GW)

Brothers and sisters, don't be surprised if the world hates you.

1 John 3:13 (GW)

Our OPPORTUNITY

[Same as in *previous* weeks!]

Do you know what the GOOD NEWS actually is?



Check the book of Acts, to see what the *apostles* said it was!



Then compare what *they* say to what *you* have heard.

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