

Determine Your Destiny by Living in the Gap

Foundation Scripture:

Rom 12:1 I beseech you that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that **g**ood, and **a**cceptable, and **p**erfect, will of God.

A. Live in the Good Will of God.

- 1. Rom 6:3 Be baptized into Jesus by being born again (John 3:5).
- 2. Gal 2:16 Live in Jesus by accepting Him as your Savior.
- 3. 2 Cor 5:8 For a believer, one who has Jesus as Savior, to die under the Age of Grace is to be absent from the body but to be with the Lord.
- 4. 1 Th 4:14 God will bring the <u>dead in Jesus</u> with Him when He comes to earth at the end of the millennial Kingdom of Jesus (Rev 20:5).
- 5. Rev 20:11-12 God comes to earth for the Great White Throne of the dead.

B. Live in the Acceptable Will of God.

- 1. Gal 3:27 Be baptized into Christ by accepting Him as your Lord.
- 2. <u>Live in Christ</u> by living under His Lordship, daily undergoing the Baptism of Fire, letting the Word of God wash you free of spots, blemishes and wrinkles that you may be a holy temple for a Holy God.
- 3. To die in Christ is to lose your life standing on the Word of God (i.e., die as a martyr: one who chooses death instead of rejecting Jesus or one who dies standing on God's promise for healing and/or protection).
- 4. 1 Th 4:16 The dead in Christ will be the first to rise to meet King Jesus.
- 5. Rev 20:4 The dead in Christ, the martyrs (Rev 2:10), will be given glorified bodies and not be subject to the second death, which is being cast into the lake of fire; but they will not reign with Jesus for the 1000 years.

C. Live in the Perfect Will of God.

- 1. To be alive (i.e., not die) and remain true to the Gospel (i.e., living in Christ) until Jesus returns is the perfect will of God. It requires a lifestyle.
- 2. Rom 8:14 To live continually under the Lordship of Jesus requires that we live by the Word of God and by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. 1 Th 4:17 Those who are alive and remain are the overcomers who will be raptured (i.e., caught up in clouds) to meet Jesus when He returns.
- 4. Rev 20:6 The overcomers will be given fully glorified bodies (i.e., not subject to the second death) and will reign with Jesus for 1000 years.
- 5. Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Recommendation: Do your best. God will do the rest.