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What Does It Mean To Do The Will Or Work Of God?

Joshua 1:16-17 KJV

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, **All that thou commandest us we will do**, and **whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go**.

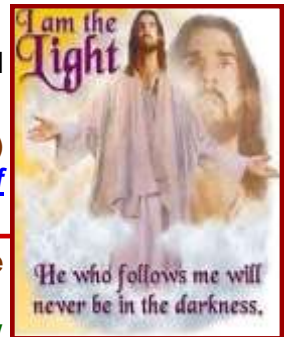
17 According **as we hearkened unto Moses** (*Moses — represents the Law of God*) in all things, **so will we hearken unto thee** (*Joshua — represents the Grace of God*): only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.



Moses is used throughout the Bible as a type or word picture of the **Law of God**

Joshua is (**The Old Testament type or word picture of the New Testament Jesus**)

Joshua/Jesus — Represents the Grace of God
(**Grace means God's favor that we do not deserve!**)



I have heard, during, most of my Christian life, people, including well mean preachers, say that to do God's will is to do some religious work. — like preach, teach, give, sing, pray, go, stay and on and on it goes — never ending — one explanation for each person that has seemed to ever live on planet Earth.....!

Our Text (Joshua 1:16) even sounds like works. But—Simply— What Jesus commands, we must do. Listen to Paul and Silas explain it to the Philippian Jailer:

Acts 16:26-31 KJV And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?** 31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

Sirs — What must I **do** to be saved — every man, woman boy and girl seems to think that they must **do something** to make up for their sin. **But my friend, we can do nothing!** **Not even keeping the Law of Moses is acceptable with God!**

Romans 3:20 KJV Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified** in his sight: for by the law **is the knowledge of sin**.

Romans 3:28 KJV Therefore we conclude that a **man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law**.

Jesus — is the Lord of Heaven and of Earth — Here He tells us plainly what we must do to do the works of God!



John 6:26-29 KJV Jesus answered them and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.** 27 **Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.** 28 **Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?** 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**