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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

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What Is Faith and What Is God's Will?

Trusting God and Letting Him Be God

There are a great many people who get saved and then lose interest in God. Likewise there are a great many people who simply do not believe God exists. Sometimes the reason for this is *faith and the will of God*.

Many times in our lives we find ourselves in situations where we have no control over the outcome of the situation. We see the results of the problem either for good or for bad, but we can not prevent the bad resolution nor can we promote the good resolution. In cases like these, the scientist is at a loss because he relies on himself and the power of man's mind, but that philosophy can not help him here. Unfortunately for the secular humanist, science is not always the answer because if it was there would be no problems in the world (such as diseases, destruction of cities in war, etc.). But bitter people still reject God's will for what will happen next; however, as much as you reject it, God's will will always prevail. The question is: do you get mad at God or hate Him or have disbelief in Him just because the situation did not resolve itself the way you wanted it to?

Paul said in Romans 8:28: *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*. People who hate the Bible say, "How can me having cancer be a good thing?" It is God's will for you to have cancer. Is it a punishment? It may be if you smoked all your life, or God may not be punishing you. You having cancer gives you the experience to *help someone else who has cancer*, and God can be glorified in this tribulation.

Please try to remember that sin never goes unpunished because there is always a consequence for sin. Sometimes God will lighten or shorten the punishment, but we should not be angry with God when he punishes us or when he is not punishing us and his will is not the same as our will. No one wants cancer, even if God wills it. But God can use a person who has or has had cancer.

The Bible says *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). The Bible also says (about the will of God) that we are expected to have faith in God because the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) reminds us that God is in charge ([John 14:26](#)). We are expected to be happy with God's will if it does not agree with our will. For example, you



(Photo Courtesy Microsoft Publisher) No matter how much medical attention a mother gets while she has a baby in her, she still has to have faith that the baby will be born healthy. Who does she have faith in? There is no guarantee the child will be healthy. God asks us to **have faith in Him**, and whatever His **will** is we must accept it.

are praying to God for a job and you have faith that his will will be done. If God does not give you the job then it was not his will you have that job. Not receiving the job is not a reason to be angry with God or loose faith in Him. God may have a better job for you down the line, and someday you may see God's reasoning and be glad you didn't get the job. But even if things do not happen this way, there is no reason to give up on God (such as stop going to church, reading your Bible, praying and going soul winning). Furthermore, it is not a reason to be angry with God because you should never be angry with God. God is your master.

If you are obedient to God's commandments and your service to God, then why would God need to punish you? Of course you are going to sin, and you may have sins from your past, but God forgives and forgets sins even though a punishment may result. Sometimes God turns the curse (punishment) into a blessing ([Deuteronomy 28](#)) because a person got his heart right with God.

Jehovah is a loving and merciful God so much that he sent his Son to die on the cross a hideous torture of a death to have all of our sins forgiven. Once a person gets saved there is no debt for sins past, present or future. Even though God still punishes sin the punishment is temporal—it's not Hell. Our faith in God determines our comfort that God is going to take care of our needs, but we must also remember His will may not always be the same as ours.

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