

Next Steps: Too often we don't do the will of God because we simply don't know what the will of God is. The Bible gives us "four compass points" that specifically talk about God's will. Jesus shares this first compass point in John 6:40. "**My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.**" **John 6:40**

According to Jesus, what is God's will?

What two promises are given for those that respond to God's will?

Read John 3:1-18. Jesus is explaining this first compass point to Nicodemus... a man that had a PhD in Jewish religion and yet was still very confused about God's will. What does Jesus say is necessary to inherit eternal life?

The Apostle Paul wrote extensively about eternal life in his book to the Romans. He understood the first compass directs us to Jesus. Keep this compass point in mind as you read these verses and walk down the "Roman Road."

Romans 3:23- Why do we need Jesus as our Savior?

Romans 5:8- How has God provided for our need?

Romans 6:23- If we don't deal with our need what will happen to us? What is God's gift to us?

Romans 10:8-13- What must we confess? What must we believe? What is the result of our confession and belief?

Read Luke 23:39-43. There are two different responses to Jesus. Which response do you want to make today?

Here is a simple prayer of faith: "*Father, I know I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me and help me avoid sinning again. I believe your son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*"

Next Week: We will be looking at the second compass point of God's will for our lives found in 1 Thessalonians 5.