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The Gift

(God has given us many gifts, but there is one that stands out.)

God has given you and I the gift of free will to think how you want to think or believe. God doesn't want to control the way we think. God's will for us is to use our free will to glorify Him. My purpose of this commentary is to not change anybody's mind, but to give you the opportunity to understand what God wants for your life.

The Bible is a training manual for life according to 2 Timothy 3: 16 and 17 which says "**ALL** Scripture is God-breathed (inspired by God to all the authors of the Bible) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant (you and me as Christians) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work".

What happens when we use the gift of free will?

Depending on how a person thinks and reacts, there may be consequences good or bad. For instance, the bad consequence of the gift was at the beginning of time in Genesis. When Adam and Eve broke the will of God by eating the fruit from the tree of good and evil, it caused man to suffer the consequence of death on earth. Adam and Eve were not using their gift to glorify God by disobeying his command to not eat of the tree.

The will of God became apparent when he gave Moses and the Jewish Nation the Ten Commandments. Disobeying these commandments may have consequences and does not glorify God.

The reason we have free will is because when God created Adam, it was done by giving him the image of God because God has a will.

God's will is not so much an intentional plan, but as it is His hearts desire for us to make the right choice as in John 3, 16. God's greatest command for us is to LOVE, and therefore believe.

God gave all His heavenly beings free will.

How do we know this, because one of the main angels namely Lucifer used his will and made the choice to stand up against God and say that he was better than God (Isaiah 14). As a result, Lucifer was cast out of heaven and became known as Satan (became evil). Some of the angels followed Lucifer's will and was also cast out of heaven.

What does it mean to be in the will of God? There are two key words encapsulated in our gift of free will and they are "choice" and "obedience". When we make the right choices and obey His commands, we are said to be in God's will.

I have a confession to make. I am a hypocrite because I am not perfect. I have made some wrong choices and have been disobedient but have come through repentance. I am still a child of God and I try to stay in His will.

How do you use your gift?

So in conclusion, (Everyone should use their gift to be in God's will by following John 3-16. That is how the glory is given to God).

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