

“How Do I DO the Will of God?”

1. EMBRACE CHRIST!

Mark 3:35; John 4:34; 7:14-17; Eph. 6:5-6; 1 Jn. 2:15-17
Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 16D and 32A

We begin our time focused on the finished work of Jesus Christ, and the ministry of his Holy Spirit, Who is spoken of twice in the Bible as the ‘Spirit of Christ’ (Rom. 8:9; 1 Pe. 1:11). The Spirit worked uniquely and supernaturally in the Early Church, yet continues to do the miraculous work of regeneration in human hearts in this present day. Behold the first ‘Christian sermon’ of the Apostle Peter and how his message moves from the historic, external facts of the Gospel to pressing the claims of Christ in individual hearts. Then meet Christian. Have the objective truths of Christ impacted your own heart personally? This is the work of God, that you believe on Christ (Jn. 6:29)!

1. The _____ had to come on them – and He must come on _____. (v 1-21)
2. We must _____ in the resurrection of the _____ (v 22-32)
3. We must _____ that God has made _____ both Lord and Christ (v 33-36)
4. We must acknowledge our _____, and understand the message of _____ (v 37-41)
5. We must devote ourselves to God’s _____, the _____, and the means of _____ (v 42-47)

Suggested Applications:

1. Consider anew your standing with Christ. Do you understand his Gospel clearly? Have you acknowledged the facts of the Gospel? Have you acknowledged your sin (Ps. 32:5) and gained access into grace (Rom. 5:1-2)? Seek meaningful conversations here at the conference!

2. Obtain The Pilgrim’s Progress in Modern English by John Bunyan (Hazelbaker), and commit yourself to reading this remarkable allegory of the Christian life in 2017.

1. The Shorter Catechism Q 31 – What is effective calling?

Effective [vs. general] calling is the work of God's Spirit [as opposed to evangelists] Who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, Who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and Who renews our will. This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, Who is freely offered to us in the gospel.

2. Reformed Presbyterian Testimony 14.1-2 – Of Saving Faith

Saving faith is a gift of the triune God. It is the Father's will that the elect should be united to Christ by faith. The Son, by His death, provided that saving faith should be freely granted to them. The Holy Spirit, therefore, regenerates each one of them, enabling them to receive Jesus Christ by faith as their Lord and Savior. We reject the teaching that regeneration is the result of saving faith.

3. John Bunyan's The Pilgrims Progress in Modern English (Hazelbaker Edition)

As I slept I had a dream in which I saw a man dressed in rags standing in a certain place and facing away from his own house. He had a Book in his hand and a great burden on his back. As I looked I saw him open the Book and read out of it, and as he read he wept and trembled (3) ... Christian ran until he came to a place somewhat elevated. Upon that place stood a Cross, and below at the bottom there was a Tomb. I saw in my dream that just as Christian came up to the Cross, his burden came loose from his shoulders and fell off his back ... then Christian was glad and relieved, and he said with a joyful heart, 'He has given me rest from my sorrow and life through his death' ... three Shining Ones came to him. The first said to him, 'Your sins are forgiven.' The second one stripped him of his rags and clothed him with rich garments. The third set a mark upon his forehead and gave him a Document with a seal. He instructed Christian to look at the Document as he continued on his way and to deliver it at the Celestial Gate.