

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

1. The way of rebellion: The heart attitude which is the same as Satan's says "I will have my own way." It is the way unsaved people live their lives. The Bible speaks of "the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience."

2. People who live their lives by the way of rebellion do not want to obey God.

The way of obedience: The way of obedience is the way of the Lord Jesus. It is the way God's children are to live their lives. We were once rebellious and disobedient, but God saved us. Now we belong to Him. Our desire is to please Him in all that we do. The Bible says that we are to live "as obedient children."

The wonderful thing is that God has made it possible for us to obey Him. When we were saved Christ came to live in our heart. Because Christ lives in us, we can obey God. The apostle Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Philippians 4:1



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Write your answer choice in the box provided for each question.

1. When the Bible says that God has authority over all things it means that

- a. God has the right to rule and be obeyed in Heaven only.
- b. God has the right to rule and be obeyed everywhere.

2. A person who lives his life by the way of rebellion says in his heart,

- a. "I will have my own way; I will do what I want to do!"
- b. "I want to please God; I want to do what God wants me to do."

3. Adam passed his sinful, rebellious nature on to

- a. his children only.
- b. his children and the whole human race.

4. When He was here on earth, Jesus

- a. was obedient to His Father most of the time.
- b. was obedient to His Father all of the time.

5. Two main things that cause God's children to be different from unsaved people are:

- a. they are believers and they are obeyers.
- b. they are very religious and they pray a lot.

6. When we say that God's children are believers we mean

- a. that they believe a lot of nice things about Jesus.
- b. that they believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for their sins and rose again.

7. When we say that God's children are obeyers we mean that

- a. they never do anything wrong.
- b. their heart-attitude is to obey God.

8. The Bible speaks of "the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" (unsaved people). This refers to

- a. the heart-attitude that says "I want to obey God."
- b. the heart-attitude that says, "I will do what I want to do."

9. God has made it possible for us to obey Him by

- a. giving Christ to live in us.
- b. making life easy for us.

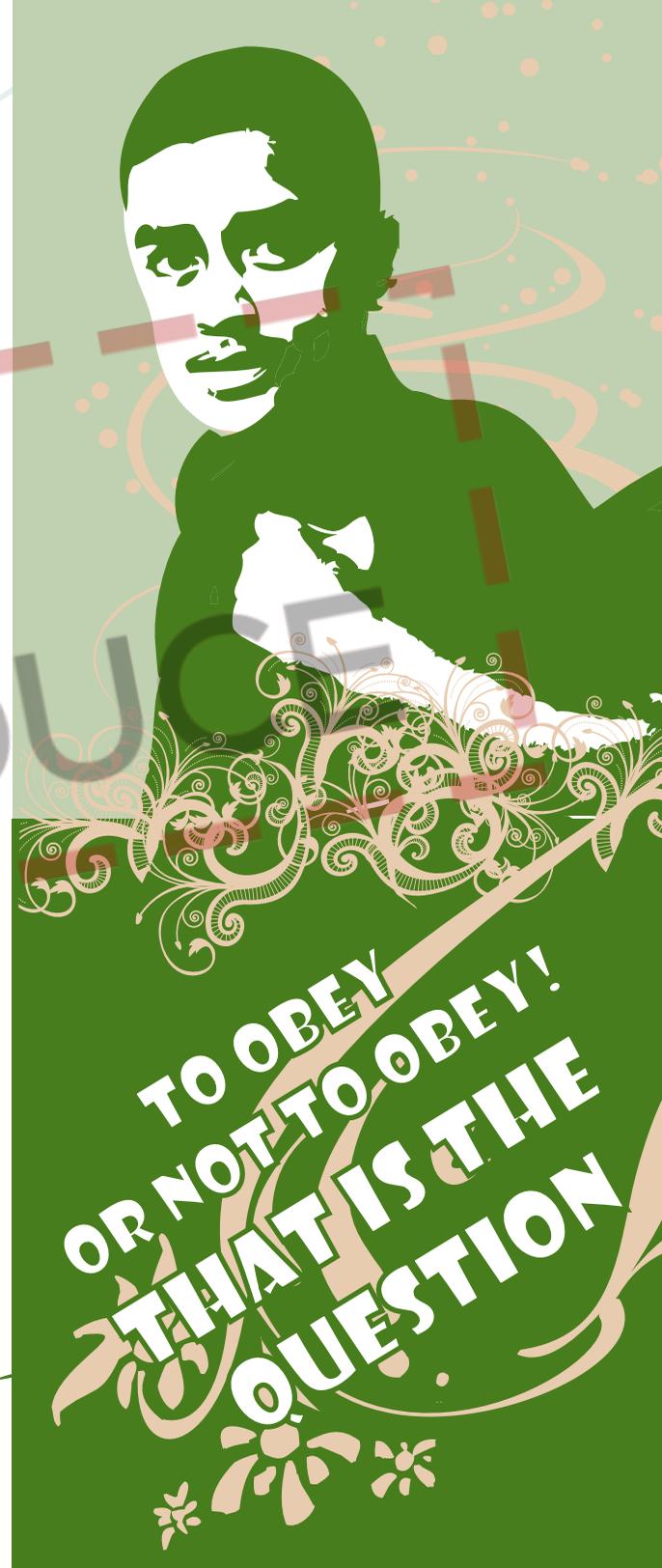
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GOD'S LEADERS HELP US LIVE RIGHT

An honest look at our universe strongly suggests that it was designed. As Christians, we believe that the designer was God and He created everything in heaven and on earth. God, therefore, has the right to rule and be obeyed everywhere. We can learn from the Bible that there are two ways by which people choose to live their lives:

- 1.** The way of rebellion: The person who lives his life this way says in his heart, "I will have my own way; I will do what I want!"
- 2.** The way of obedience: The person who lives his life this way says in his heart, "I want to please God; I want to do what He wants."

The Bible teaches that Satan brought the way of rebellion into the universe. The Bible also teaches us that the Lord Jesus showed us the way of obedience.

THE REBELLION OF THE ANGELS

Long ago, before God created man, every living creature obeyed God perfectly. But a time came when some of the angels rebelled against God. God created the angels to serve Him, but one day pride entered Lucifer -- the most beautiful and most powerful angel that God ever created.

He decided that he should be God. Lucifer said in his heart, "I WILL ascend into heaven, I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of God...I WILL be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14

One third of the angels of heaven followed Lucifer in his rebellion. Lucifer became "Satan", which means "adversary" or "enemy". Satan is God's enemy and he is our enemy also.

Satan and his fallen angels set up a kingdom opposed to God and his kingdom. Since then there have been two kingdoms -- God's and Satan's.



THE REBELLION OF MAN (ADAM AND EVE)

After the rebellion, God created the first man, Adam, and placed him in the Garden of Eden (paradise). He loved the man He created and told him exactly what He required of the man.



What about this man who was created by God? Did he love, worship and obey God? Yes, he did. For awhile.

But Adam chose to disobey his Creator, God. He said in his heart, "I will do what I want to do!"

As a result of Adam's disobedience, his nature changed. He now had a sinful, rebellious nature which he passed on to his children and to the whole human race. Every person has this sinful nature within. The Bible says, "We have turned everyone to HIS OWN WAY..." Isaiah 53:6

Yet, in spite of man's rebellion and disobedience, God still loved him. And God had a plan to restore His relationship with man. He would send His only Son, the Lord Jesus, into the world and He would obey His Father perfectly. Then Jesus would take our sins upon Himself and pay the penalty (death) for our sin.

THE OBEDIENCE OF THE SON

The Lord Jesus is sometimes called the "God-man". This is a good name for Him because he is truly God and truly man.

What kind of man was the Lord Jesus? His mind and heart were set on doing God's will. The Lord Jesus said, "I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." John 8:29

Since it was the the Father's will that He die on the cross for our sins, Jesus willingly obeyed His Father. The Bible says, "... He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8

Jesus Christ died, was buried, and was raised from the dead by God on the third day. God made Him the head of a new family, all those who take the Lord Jesus as their Savior by faith.

WHAT GOD'S CHILDREN ARE LIKE.

- 1.** There are two main things about God's children that are different than unsaved people:
 - God's children are believers. We believe in the Lord Jesus -- that He is the Son of God who died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead to be our living Savior.

God's children are obeyers. We love God and we are different from what we used to be. The Bible says, "...We have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:16

What mind did Christ have? His mind was to obey God.

God's children are not perfect. We often fail God and do wrong things, but we love our Heavenly Father and our heart attitude is to obey God.