

Do You Really Want To Do It Your Way?

Introduction:

- a. Old Song, I Did It My Way
- b. Some concerning not doing what God says about salvation will say: "I'll take my chances".
- c. Why not both know and then obey the truth?

[John 8:30-32](#)

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As he spake these words, many believed on him.

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Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I. My Way is a poor risk

[Proverbs 14:12](#)

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There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

[Proverbs 28:26](#)

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He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

a. No one ever unconditionally surrenders on their own terms:

1. Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri in August, 1945

2. [Matthew 16:24](#) - "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"

3. [Galatians 2:20](#)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

4. Jesus' terms of surrender are non-negotiable.

b. Some say, "There are many ways to get to heaven; you take yours and I'll take mine."

c. But what did JESUS say?

[John 14:6](#)

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Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

[Matthew 7:13,14](#)

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Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

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Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

[Matthew 7:21-23](#)

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Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

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Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

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And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

II. "My Church" is a foolish gamble:

a. [Matthew 16:18](#)

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And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

b. [Acts 20:28](#)

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Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

c. [Acts 2:47](#)

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Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

iii. Faith Only is a losing proposition:

a. "That we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort." Methodist Articles of Religion No. IX (not wholesome, but certainly full of error):

1. While Romans 3:28 and Romans 5:1 say we're justified by faith, they do not say by faith only.

[Romans 3:28](#)

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Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 5:1

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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. **Acts 13:38** - justified by Christ

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Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

3. **Romans 3:24** - justified by God's grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus

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Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

4. **Romans 5:9** - justified by Christ's blood

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Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

5. **I Corinthians 6:11**- justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God

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And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

b. "You see then how a man is justified by works, and not by faith only."

James 2:24

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Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

1. **James 2:21** "Wasn't Abraham justified by works, when he offered Isaac upon the altar?"

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Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

2. [James 2:25](#) "Wasn't Rahab justified by works when she received the spies and sent them out another way?"

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Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

3. [I Peter 1:22](#) - "Seeing then ye have purified your souls in obedience to the truth . . ."

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Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

IV. No Baptism is a poor gamble:

a. [Mark 16:16](#)

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He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

b. [I Peter 3:21](#)

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The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

v. Any Baptism is a bad bet:

a. Some people fail to understand the nature, purpose, and essentiality of baptism:

1. Some say, "I was baptized as an infant."

Romans 6:4

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Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12 -"buried with Him"

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Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

2. Some say "I've already been immersed."

b. What is the purpose or reason for being baptized?

Acts 2:38

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Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 22:16

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And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

c. New knowledge cannot be retroactively applied to an invalid immersion

Acts 19:1-5

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And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

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He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

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And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

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Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

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When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

VI. My Time is a terrible chance. Please don't take a chance with your eternal destiny!

a. [Matthew 27:65](#) Pilate: "Make it as secure as you know how."

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Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

b. [II Peter 1:10](#) -"Make your calling and election sure."

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Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

c. [II Corinthians 6:2](#) -"Behold, now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation."

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(For he saith, [I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee:](#) behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Isa 49:8

d. [Acts 24:24,25](#)

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And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

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And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Conclusion:

- A. why not obey now?
- B. why not the lord's way?
- C. why not the sure way?