

God's Favorite Word (2 Cor 1:20)

Sadly, many people believe that God's favorite word is no. They imagine God shaking His finger at people saying, "No! You can't do this, and you can't do that. Just look at all the Thou shalt not's in the Bible. God loves us and that is why there are a few No's in the O.T as well as the New, but I do not believe that No is God's favorite word. What is God's favorite word?

Turn your Bibles over to 2 Cor 1. In the beginning verses Paul describes how he wanted to visit the Church at Corinth, not just once but twice, but because of the situation, Paul decided to change his travel plans. The reason is stated in verse 23 and in Chap 2.

If Paul were to visit them it would be a painful trip because he would have to discipline the church severely. Paul says, I don't want this to be a miserable visit, I want it to be joyful (2:3). The enemies of Paul accused him of being flakey and fickle.

Look at verse 17. "When I was planning, did I do it lightly? Did I make these plans in worldly way?" Paul says, "I did not say yes and no at the same time.

Now look at verse 20. Paul uses this dispute to declare, "The Yes" of the promises of God." "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

Have you ever wanted to ask God a question? Let's ask 4 questions and then listen for God's favorite word.

1. God, do you really love me? God's answer is: YES! And we can say "Amen!"

The night before Jesus was crucified, He said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his Friends" (John 15:13). That is what Christ did. He laid down his life for us.

1 John 4:10, "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Rom 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God loves every person in the world because God is love and demonstrated it in the highest possible way.

2. God, can you forgive all my Sins? God's answer is YES! And we say Amen!

1 John 1:7 says, "The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin."

Heb 9:14-15, tells us what the blood of Christ did for us.

Col 2:14/Micah 7:19.

3. God, do you have a plan for my life? The Bible says YES and we say Amen!

The Bible says, “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!” (Psalm 34:8)

Eph 1:11, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

1 Peter 1: 2, “You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by his blood.”

Does God have a good plan for your life? The answer is yes, Amen!

4. God, Is Jesus ever coming back?

In the last verse of the last page of the last book of the Bible Jesus says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” And here’s our response; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20)

All of us who know Him, and obey Him, will love His appearing and we say “Amen!”

Close: Today, hopefully I have made the case that God’s favorite word is Yes.

God, do you love me? God, will you forgive me? God, do you have a plan for me? God, will Jesus come back?

God’s answer is yes, now the question for us is, “Will we say yes to Jesus?”

Noah said yes to build an ark. Abraham said yes, to leave his home without a clue as to where he was going. When the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was chosen to give birth to Jesus, she humbly said, “Yes Lord, let it be as you have said” (Luke 1:38)

When Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?” He said, “Yes Lord, you know that I love you.”

Will we answer God’s call with God’s favorite word by saying, “Yes Lord, I will love you and I will follow you.”

The promises we have in Christ are rock solid.

As the old hymn says, “Standing on the promises that cannot fail; when the howling storms of fear and doubt assail; By the living word of God I shall prevail! Standing on the promises of God.”