

The word “surrender” is not common in most translations of the Bible. It appears eight times in the NKJV, eighteen times in the NIV, 5 times in the NASB and is not used in the KJV. Nevertheless the concept runs throughout the entire Bible.



Lee surrenders to Grant
at Appomattox, VA



⇐ Parlor of the (reconstructed) McLean House,
site of Robert E. Lee’s surrender.

Lee sat at the marble-topped table on the left,
Ulysses S. Grant sat at the table on the right.

The Civil War ended when General Lee signed the handwritten documents written by General Grant that the Army of Northern Virginia agrees to not take up arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Funk & Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary defines surrender:

To yield possession of or power over to another
To give up or relinquish, especially in favor of another;

1. As General Grant made certain demands on General Lee and his confederate army Jesus also makes demands on those who would follow Him. What are those demands? Mathew 16:24

a. Who must Jesus’ followers be willing to deny? _____

b. Okay question #1a was easy, but whose cross must they take up? _____

Note: This means that they assume the responsibilities of discipleship.

c. How often does Jesus demand that we take up our own cross? Luke 9:23

Note: This process is accomplished by allowing Jesus to come into our lives. In lesson #16 we called this sanctification and thus can only be accomplished by faith in Jesus.

2. Jesus offers an eternal relationship with us. What does Jesus demand of His followers? John 15:14

3. What do His followers call Him? Romans 14:8

4. If we are willing to call Him “Lord” then what must we be doing? Luke 6:46

5. We have used the words “followers” and “friends” yet it seems that we are given a list of do’s and don’ts. How is this relational? This is very simple and Jesus makes it so very plain. What does He say? John 14:15

Note: Love for Jesus is the motivation for keeping His commandments. We cannot keep His commandments without love.

6. What is the test of knowing Jesus? 1 John 2:3-4

7. The point is that we serve somebody and what are the only two ways we can go? Romans. 6:16

8. What does James advise us to do? James 4:7

9. What great reason does James give for submitting to God? James 4:10



10. In lesson #11 Uncle Larry Stephens quoted Isaiah: “But we are all like an unclean *thing*,/And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;” Sometimes we may be tempted to think that we are not good enough for the Lord. Therefore we cannot be accepted by Him. Who did Jesus say that He came to call? Matthew 9:12-13

11. If you feel bad about the way you have lived, what precious promise does Jesus make? John 6:37



Note: In lesson #10 we looked at the story of the Prodigal Son. This story is all about receiving the sinner. No matter what the younger son had taken from the father, no matter how bad he was while living in that far away country, no matter how dirty, or smelly, or messy that boy was, the father gladly restored him as his son. In that story God is represented as the father **and we stand as the repentant son.**

12. What leads us to repentance? Romans 2:4

Note: The words of the prodigal son when he came to his senses: “How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,” First came the realization that his father was really a good person. Having taken that step led the son to repentance.

13. Is repentance necessary? Proverbs 28:13 Yes No

14. Summary: Let's get the steps right. → Circle the right sequence either A, B, or C.

_____ A _____

Cleansing
Come to God
Realize God's goodness
Forgiven
Baptized

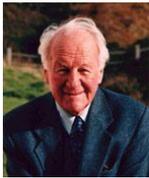
_____ B _____

Realize God's goodness
Come to God
Forgiven
Cleansed
Baptized

_____ C _____

Realize God's goodness
Come to God
Repent/surrender
Forgiven
Cleansed
Baptized

15. How do we know that repentance comes before baptism and remission of sin? Acts 2:38



John R. W. Stott writes in his book, Basic Christianity, p.107: "Jesus never concealed the fact that his religion included a demand as well as an offer. Indeed, the demand was as total as the offer was free. If he offered men his salvation, he also demanded their submission."

16. Let's read a parable of Jesus entitled "The Pearl of Great Price." Matthew 13:45-46

a. What does the pearl of great price represent? _____

b. What was the merchant willing to do to own that pearl? _____

Note: The merchant could have kept his possession and not purchased the pearl. Or he could have done what he did to obtain that pearl. But, he could not have done both.

17. In Jesus' parable of the precious pearl the merchant was willing to surrender all that he had to purchase that pearl. But not everyone is willing to make that sacrifice for the kingdom of God. What was Governor Felix's reply to Paul's invitation to surrender to Jesus? Act 24:24-25

18. The Bible teaches that, like the merchant, we have only one of two ways to go. Romans 6:23

19. Death or eternal life; that's it. There is no other alternative. Does God want us to perish? 2 Peter 3:9

20. What offer does Jesus make to us? Matthew 11:29-30

21. What does Jesus promise about His yoke? Matthew 11:30

Note: We are burdened down with the weight of sin that only Jesus can remove. But the sinless Jesus has taken our place. And He offers to each of us a place in His kingdom.

22. Here is the price that He paid for us:

“But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5



23. Jesus is inviting you today to fully surrender to Him and receive His healing from our sins.



Note: This is the new life or new creature that you can become through your saving relationship with Jesus. It means that you are repenting of your sins and opting out of the rebellion and are surrendering your life to Jesus and that you would publically like to be baptized in the same manner that Jesus was baptized by John.

Yes, I will surrender my life to Jesus and would like to be baptized.

My signature _____