

THE PROBATION OF CHRIST'S WILL

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One of the most important legal documents that one can have in their possession is one's last "will." Nothing is more readily listened to than when a man's will is read in probating one's estate. This is the last wishes of one who has passed from this earthly life. Interest peaked wondering whose names will be read – or left out! The more money and earthly possessions the more folks anxiously wait for the will to be read.

Yet, no will is more important than the one left by our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ! No man ever had so much wealth to leave to so many others! Consider, this is the Son of God, heir of heaven and all things: "Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." {Hebrews 1:2} Christ's estate left behind is far and away greater than any other person who has ever lived. No comparable treasures of earth can be compared with the heavenly treasures reserved in heaven. This means His will far outweighs any ever made by a human being on earth. Sadly, His will has been contested and is still in probate! Atheists, infidels and all unbelievers have contested His terms for centuries. Doesn't this make it of vital importance to perfectly understand the conditions and terms of His last will? Examine it carefully, prayerfully and soberly lest any person be defrauded of their rightful inheritance.

The Removal of the First Will. "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second." {Hebrews 8:6,7} This "first" will was laid aside after it had done what it was designed to accomplish. "For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God." {Hebrews 7:18,19} This will lead us to Christ, Galatians 3:24,25.

"Then He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.' He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." {Hebrews 10:9,10} Why did the first have to be removed? What in that will was insufficient to provide to the full needs of all His heirs? "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity." {Ephesians 2:14-16} The Old "will" was only for one nation – Israel. The will of Christ would be universal – for all of mankind.

In force at His death. "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives." {Hebrews 9:16,17} A man's will cannot be in force until His death – Jesus was no

different. His will would provide for man's greatest need – forgiveness of SIN! "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." {John 1:17} The first will was never intended to be his **FINAL** will. It only paved the way for the second that would include all men. Now those who seek to be saved under the condition of that first will cannot be considered a rightful heir. Only those who meet the terms of that "last will," will be ensured of receiving a part of his inheritance reserved for those who meet those terms, 1 Peter 1:4,5. Despite popular belief, there will not be another "will" forthcoming. Dear reader, will your name be read at the roll call to receive part in His final inheritance? ***