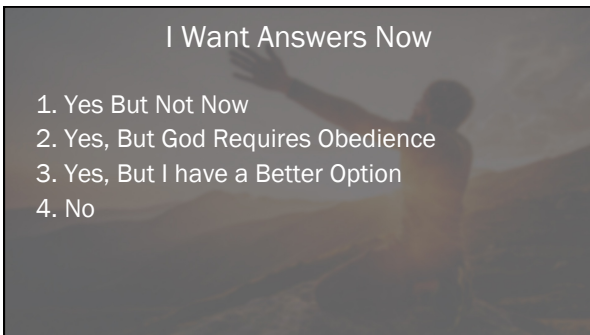


2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.



I Want Answers Now

1. Yes But Not Now
2. Yes, But God Requires Obedience
3. Yes, But I have a Better Option
4. No

I Want Answers Now

God answers "Yes But You Need Obedience" because our actions must align to keep the answer

Luke 1

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Luke 1

8 Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

Luke 1

11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

Luke 1

14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

Luke 1

17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

Luke 1

18 And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." 19 And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

Luke 1

20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." 21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.

Luke 1

22 And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. 23 And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

Call For Obedience

- Don't be afraid [Stop Fear Talk]
- + Accept your son and call him John
- No wine or strong drink

Yes, But You Need Obedience

1. Obedience is necessary to keep your answer

Preconditions and Post Conditions

Precondition - obedience required to receive your answer

Postcondition - obedience is required to keep your answer

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Kiddush

Kiddush, literally, "sanctification," is a blessing recited over wine or grape juice to sanctify the Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Additionally, the word refers to a small repast held on Shabbat or festival mornings after the prayer services and before the meal.

Mishteh

Hebrew term for feast or banquet — mishteh — comes from the Hebrew word shathah, to drink.

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8th Day Circumcision Ceremony

Jewish circumcision is performed by the sandek. In English, this is a godfather which is often a grandparent or the family rabbi. Traditionally, a chair (often an ornate one) is set aside for Elijah, who is said to preside over all circumcisions. Various blessings are recited, including one over wine, and a drop of wine is placed in the child's mouth. The child is then given a formal Hebrew name.

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Yes, But Not Now

- 1. Obedience is necessary to keep your answer
- 2. Faith is God's favorite seasoning.

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Hebrews 4:1-2 NKJV

1Let us therefore fear, lest, although a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
2For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Hebrews 11:1

ESV Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith

Is a confident attitude of heart energized by the revealed word of God that produces forward action in our life

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Yes, But You Need Obedience

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2. Faith is God's favorite seasoning
3. Our words matter...a lot.

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Better Priesthood

The Old Testament teaches us by signs and gestures, giving us a picture of our salvation that is to come. But it is imperfect, like trying to get news from a man who has to speak by pantomiming gestures. In the New Testament, Christ speaks the gospel to us with words from His own lips.

Malachi 3:13-15

13“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ 14You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? 15And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Words Matter

Words are containers of faith or fear. Words have the power to build or destroy our promise from God. We decide what words we use to water our God given garden.

Declaration of Yes

Lord, I promise that by your grace this will be a season of my YES to you. I choose to turn from the NO and the MAYBE and the NOT NOW of my unbelief. I will continue in prayer until I have known the fullness of your YES in Christ Jesus. Amen!

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