

What's the Hope III

Biblical Counseling 101

Week 6. March 1st 2026



Three ways we need to help one another engage with God's will in our daily lives...

1. Rest in God's Secret Will

- a. Will of Decree (Secret)
 - i. Eph 1:11; Matt 10:29-30; Acts 4:27-28

 - ii. Three possible responses:
 1. Frustration
 2. Fatalism
 3. Rest

- b. Will of Desire (Revealed)
 - i. Deuteronomy 29:29
 - ii. Acts 2:23
 - iii. 1 John 2:15-17

2. Receive God's Revealed Will

- a. So, what is his revealed will?
 - i. Matthew 6:25-34 ; 22:37 ; 28:18-20
 - ii. Acts 14:14-15
 - iii. 1 Timothy 2:3-5
 - iv. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-ff; 5:16-18
 - v. Colossians 1:9-12

- b. How do we do God's will?
 - i. Turn to God in Christ
 - ii. Be transformed: Romans 12:1-2
 - iii. Toil to Obey: 2 Peter 1:5-10

3. Run Free in the Fear and Pleasure of God

- a. Proverbs 1:1-7 ; 9:10

- b. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

- c. Romans 14:1-9

- d. London Baptist Confession 21.3 "Those who use Christian liberty as an excuse to practice any sin or nurture any sinful desire pervert the main objective of grace of the gospel to their own destruction, and they completely destroy the purpose of Christian liberty. This purpose is that we, having been delivered from the hands of all our enemies, may serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our lives."

- e. London 16.6 "Nevertheless, believers are accepted through Christ, and thus their good works are also accepted in Him. This acceptance does not mean our good works are completely blameless and irreproachable in God's sight. Instead, God views them in His Son, and so He is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, even though it is accompanied by many weaknesses and imperfections."