

# **KNOWING GOD'S WILL**

## COLOSSIANS 1:1-12

## A. WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD

### 1. Sovereign (decretive) will (vs 1)

- a. Cannot change
- b. Cannot be thwarted
- c. It always gives results
- d. Personal calls are usually Sovereign will

#### Benefits of God's Sovereign will:

- It deepens our trust in God's sovereignty
- It humbles us
- It fuels worship

## A. WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD

### 2. Prescriptive will of God (vs 9)

- a. It is the revealed commandments of God
- b. It reveal God's moral laws
- c. It does not always happen as a matter of consequence

## B. HOW DOES ONE KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

1. It begins with genuine salvation characterised by:
  - a. Faith in Christ (vs 4)
  - b. Love of all Saints (vs 4)
  - c. Hope in eternity (vs 5)
  - d. Love in the Spirit (vs 8)
2. By prayer (Vs 9)
3. By the word of God (3:16)
4. Given through
  - a. Wisdom
  - b. Spiritual Understanding

## C. THE RESULTS OF KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD

You are doing the will of God if you:

1. Walk worthy of the Lord (vs 10)
2. Are fully pleasing Him (vs 10)
3. Are being fruitful in every good work (vs 10)
4. Life of growth - increasing in the knowledge of God (vs 10)
5. Are being strengthened with all might (vs 11)
6. Being thankful - giving thanks to the Father (vs 12)