

# **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



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## 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*)