

# The Will of God (1)

- Ephesians 1:3-14 -

- A. What is your \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
- B. Our expectations are often based upon our \_\_\_\_\_ .
- C. People tend to reflect upon their own \_\_\_\_\_, rather than God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- D. Do we want a god we can control, direct, and "fashion"? Let's understand, Christians surrender to Christ. Christians let Christ **fashion** them to serve the living God. Consider this question.....

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

- A. How many have defined God's based upon scripture verses personal, pride, and selfishly motivated?
- B. People throw things into "God's will" believing it is His will. EX: Death of a cancer patient, hurricane, wealth, handicap, disease, survival of a flood, college choice, marriage choice, or new car...
- C. "Will" is "that which is \_\_\_\_\_" Vine says: "the fulfilling being a sign of a spiritual relationship to the Lord...my desires" as said by Jesus (**John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38**).
- D. The will of God is found in what is \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Three aspects of God's will are mentioned in scripture...

### (1) **God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ will. (Deut 29:29)**

- a. God's will which is secret focuses on God sovereignty.
- b. **Eph 1:11** says God "*works all things according to the counsel of His will*". Consider **Job 42:2** and **Rom 11:33-36**

### (2) **God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ will (Deut 29:29)**

- a. It is His will concerning what we should or should not do.
- b. We can know God's will through study (**2 Tim 2:15**)
- c. We are accountable to God's revealed will (**Rom 2:16**)
- d. Our responsibility is to listen to Jesus (**Heb 1:2; Rom 12:2**)

### (3) **God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ will**

- a. **2 Pet 3:9** God takes no pleasure in the death and perishing of the wicked, but He decrees (wills) punishment of the wicked (**Matt 25:46; 2 Thess 1:7-9**)...
- b. **I Tim 2:4** is God's pleasure. Which is come to God (**Jn 6:44**) by faith (**Heb 11:6**) and obedience (**Matt 7:21**)
- c. Is God's pleasure a mystery? Our purpose is **Rom 12:2..**

- F. Look at two examples of **God's will** illustrated in someone's life...

#### (1) **In the Garden** God's will expressed (**Gen. 2:15-17; 3:15,24**)

#### (2) **Jesus Christ** (**Jn 6:38; 8:29; Matt 26:39; Gal 1:4**)

- G. What to do with God's will (**Eph 5:17; Jn 7:17**).....