

Say "Yes" to God's Will

Text: 1 John 2:17

Christians need to know and do God's will. The following points should offer help:

I. The Who of God's Will

"The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

- A. The "who" of God's will are the "whosoever wills." Everyone is included-all can be saved (John 3:16).
- B. We must confess and forsake our sins, repent, believe, and accept Christ as Savior and Lord.

II. The What of God's Will

... but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

- A. Devoted Christians want to know God's will for their lives.
- B. To know what God's will is for us, we must pray, believe, and claim God's promises. ". . . if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (I John 5:14). "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will.. ." (Heb.13:21).

III. The Where of God's Will

"I will... that men pray every where (I Tim. 2:8).

- A. Christians should be in a spirit of prayer at all times.
- B. We should pray at home, school, work, and even play. It is God's will that we "pray every where" (I Tim. 2:8).

IV. The When of God's Will

"Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure (Eph. 1:9).

- A. Many Christians want God's will but insist that it be performed at their appointed time.
- B. We must wait on the Lord and depend on His timing. He knows best. It is "according to his good pleasure" (Eph. 1:9).

V. The Why of God's Will

"For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing" (I Peter 3:17).

- A. The "why" of God's will can be the most difficult. We do not always understand the reason God allows some things to come into our lives.
- B. We must wait in faith and know that God knows best. Everything that happens to us has first been screened by God's love (Rom. 8:28).