

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE WILL OF GOD—ONE PERSON, ONE WAY, AND ONE GOAL**

Message One

Being Filled with the Full Knowledge of God's Will

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; Rev. 4:11; Col. 1:9; 4:12

- I. **God's will is God's wish; God's will is what He wants to do—Eph. 1:9.**
- II. **God's good pleasure is of God's will; His good pleasure is embodied in His will, so His will comes first—v. 5.**
- III. **God's will is His determination for the carrying out of His purpose— v. 11; 1 Cor. 1:1.**
- IV. **God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11; Eph. 3:9-11; Col. 1:9:**
 - A. God's will is His heart's desire, His mingling with man, and the fulfillment of His eternal plan—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; 5:17.
 - B. The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness, His expression—Rom. 12:2, 5; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11, 22-23.
- V. **Colossians is a book concerning God's will—1:9; 4:12:**
 - A. The will of God mentioned in this book is not His will in small matters—it is the eternal will of God, the great will of God.
 - B. Colossians reveals what God's will is according to His desire and intention in the whole universe, in creation, in redemption, in the coming age, and in eternity.
- VI. **We need to be filled with the full knowledge of God's will—Col. 1:9:**
 - A. God's will in Colossians 1:9 is His will regarding His eternal purpose, regarding His economy concerning Christ—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11.
 - B. To have the full knowledge of God's will is to have the revelation of God's plan so that we may know what God plans to do in the universe—Rev. 4:11:
 1. God's plan is to make Christ everything in the divine economy—Matt. 17:5; Col. 1:15-18; 3:10-11.
 2. The revelation of God's plan opens the way for us to have more experience of Christ—2:16-17; 3:4, 15-16.
 - C. The will of God for us is that we know the all-inclusive Christ, experience Him, and live Him as our life—1:9, 15-18; 3:4.
 - D. Walking worthily of the Lord issues from having the full knowledge of God's will; such a walk is a walk in which we live Christ—1:10; Phil. 1:19-21a.
- VII. **We need to stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God—Col. 4:12.**