

Romans # 110

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God”

Knowing the will of God

*Romans 8:14-16; 1st Corinthians 2:12-16;*

*John 16:12-15; Matthew 5:13-16*

The filling of the Holy Spirit produces everything worthwhile in us; advancing us in the right direction with concentration, poise and good manners.

**The Sovereign Will of God: The will of God must be consistent with His attributes and personality.**

God is a person with personality that has self-consciousness and self-determination which make up the will of God.

*The decrees of God are His eternal unchanging will regarding the future existence of events which happen*

*in time and the precise manner and order of their occurrence.*

All creatures have been placed in space and time and all events relating to space and time were simultaneously instantly decreed resulting in all divine action.

**The laws of God are completely revealed in the Scripture, while the decrees of God are only partially revealed.**

The laws of God can be broken or frustrated by human free-will but the decrees of God cannot because the decrees already existed before free-will was ever created by God.

*It’s the decree of God that makes all things certain from*

*His omniscience and His foreknowledge only confirms what has been decreed.*

Therefore, all things depend on God’s will and nothing is certain apart from God’s will.

When our free-will coincides with God’s desires, we have divine guidance.

**Since nothing has occurred or can occur that was unknown to God in eternity past, His will is unchangeable and certain.**

The free-will of God or divine sovereignty reflected in His decrees, will be completed regardless of His creatures and at the same time, with regard to His creatures.

*God is bound by His justice, truth and infinite faithfulness to complete what He has begun.*

Since God thought it, He will do it and His will for us is to be on the grace side of history.

**If mankind doesn’t have free-will, then neither did the humanity of Christ and if He had no free-will, there would be no salvation.**

Man’s free-will was created by God to do the will of God apart from coercion to resolve the angelic dispute in the process.

*Divine guidance reaches its peak in spiritual maturity, so the ultimate in the will of God is 2nd Peter 3:18 ‘But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus*

*Christ.*

*To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.'*

Divine guidance is determining the will of God for your life through God's revelation which in our dispensation is limited to the Word of God.

The new life in Christ is not designed by God to be a life of slavery to fear.

We were not born again to become frightened people and assurance and confidence are the characteristics of the normal Christian way of life.

*This isn't self-confidence, it's confidence in the integrity of God with assurance based on His truth in the soul.*

Spiritual adoption is a ceremony in which we come to recognize the first person of the Trinity as our own Father in a special way.

*And by Him we cry, Abba, Father* is to shout, not to cry and it's a shout of victory and happiness when we finally realize that God has a perfect plan for us including day-by-day provision of everything we need and there are no accidents because all things work together for good for those who fulfil the plan in spiritual maturity, knowing that nothing can ever work out for anything but good for the mature believer.

Abba is the shout of the mature believer who has maximum personal love for God the Father and understands the importance of daily intake of the Word resulting in maturity; so he knows where he's going and he's now beginning to receive the great spiritual, material and historical-impact blessings of undeserved suffering that come his way.

It's a mutual testimony because from the mouths of two witnesses, it shall be established.

Reality about our relationship with God, our purpose in the plan of God and our objectives for life after salvation, originates from transfer of biblical truth from the Scriptures to the soul and human spirit of the believer.

Reality from the Word becomes the basis for confidence and security in our relationship with God.

*The reality of God, His integrity and the plan of God with its blessings, all come from His Word resident in our human soul and spirit.*

God's truth in our soul and spirit is the reality of our relationship with Him in time, as well as the above and beyond blessings from Him in eternity.