



GOD'S DESIROUS WILL FOR THE GRACE BELIEVER

(continued)

Scripture Reading:

Romans 7:14-25

RECAP: What are God's desires for His children (grace-believers) to fulfill?

First, specifically expressed desires in the NT:

1. To understand what is his will – Eph 5:17
2. To give thanks (while) in everything – I Thess 5:18
3. Obey those in government who do not interfere with a believer's personal relationship with the Lord – I Pet 2:12-15, Acts 5:29

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4. To be delivered from “this present evil age” which displays the antithesis of God’s character by using Eternal Life – Gal 1:4, Mk 10:30

5. To abstain from illicit sexual relationships – I Thess 4:1-3

6. To give yourself to the lordship of Christ – II Cor 8:5-6, Rom 12:1


7. All NT instruction that does not say “this is the will of God”

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- God's unexpressed (revealed) desire for NT Believers:
 - Anything intuitively unknown to be God's will for the individual grace believer - James 4:15, Rom 1:10
- **As we continue to understand God's desirous will for us as NT believers what are the problems or provisions in fulfilling God's desirous will?**

OUR PROBLEM OF CONFLICTING DESIRES

The ongoing conflict between the believer's old sin nature and his new nature – Rom 7:14-24



The Christian possesses two natures, which either can dominate his person (ego) at any time



The ongoing conflict between the Holy Spirit and the sin nature – Gal 5:17 (“flesh” = sin nature)

GOD'S PROVISIONS FOR FULFILLING HIS DESIRES

God provides the energy and desire to fulfill the good opinion of His desires – Phil 2:12-13

God provides victory over our sin nature through Jesus Christ being Lord – Rom 7:24-25

God provides instruction to “walk” – order your daily activities – by the Spirit – Gal 5:16

God provides victory over our competing sin nature by the motive of gratitude, not constraint – Rom 6:11, Eph 6:5-6

CONCLUSION

God's determined desires for the believer are:

1. Revealed in Scripture
2. Able to be fulfilled in our daily lives by means of God's provisions of:
 - a. energizing us
 - b. victory over our competing enemy, the sin nature
3. God desires for us will be fulfilled in the future at the Rapture of the Church, when we are glorified and our works are judged. THEN, God's desire will be fulfilled on Earth as they are in Heaven – Matt 6:10