

God's Will And Purpose

John 3:16

What Is God's Will?

- What He Wants To Do –
Eph. 1:5,9,10
- What Is His Fullness – Eph. 1:23
- What Pleases Him – 1 Corinthians 1:21
- What Becomes Him – Hebrews 2:10

When Did God Plan His Will?

- Before The Foundation Of The World –
Ephesians 1:4
- Jesus' Coming Was Foreordained –
1 Peter 1:20
- From The Beginning –
2 Thessalonians 2:13
- Before The Ages – 1 Corinthians 2:7
- Note Isaiah 46:9,10; Matthew 25:34

Whom Has God Willed To Be Saved?

- All His Created Beings
- But Willingly, Not Forced
- “Not willing that any should perish”
2 Peter 3:9
- Think about Thyatira’s Jezebel –
Rev. 2:18-23
- 1 Timothy 2:4 – God “desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.”

How Was God's Will Unfolded?

- God Carefully Planned & Unfolded His Plan
- Created The World, With Man As His Centerpiece
- Introduced His Plan – Genesis 3:15
- Finished His Plan At The Fullness Of Time – Galatians 4:4

How Did God Accomplish His Will?

- He Knew From The Beginning What Had To Be Done
- “For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.”
Hebrews 2:10
- “Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” Ephesians 1:9,10

Where Is God's Plan Accomplished For Me Today?

- In The Church His Son Established
- “So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Ephesians 3:10-11
- The Church Is God's Heavenly Place On Earth
Ephesians 2:6
- The Church Is Where He Is Glorified
Ephesians 3:21

God's Will Is Finalized In Heaven

- “. . .in bringing many sons unto glory. . .”
Hebrews 2:10
- “The gospel’s wisdom was foreordained unto our glory.” 1 Corinthians 2:7
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14: Christians are called to obtain Christ’s glory.
- God’s eternal will & work is thwarted when we do not reach the goal.
- This is because of **our** stubborn will, which God never overpowers.