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Fourth Baptist Church

"The Will of God"

Romans 15:22-33

To some the will of God is a mystery. To some the will of God is a misery. For Paul, the will of God was his mandate.

In Romans 15:22-33 Paul demonstrates six principles to knowing and doing the will of God.

- I. Be _____ of God's _____ (22)
- II. Be _____ in making _____ (23-24)
- III. Be _____ to right _____ (25-28)
- IV. Be _____ of spiritual _____ (29)
- V. Be _____ about your _____ (30a)
- VI. Be _____ in _____ (30b-32)
 - A. Pray for _____ (31a)
 - B. Pray for _____ (31b)
 - C. Pray for _____ (32)

Am I in the _____ of God's _____?

My God, I love Thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Are lost eternally,
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace.
And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
And death itself; and all for me,
Who was Thine enemy.
Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven
Or of escaping hell.
Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself has loved me,
O ever-loving Lord?
E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Because Thou are my loving God,
And my Eternal King.

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