# Six Wills of God (Colossians 1:1-2)

<u>Intro:</u> When Paul starts out his writings, sometimes he starts with something like this; "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God." (2 Cor.2:1) (Eph.1:1) (Col.1:1) (2 Tim.1:1). There was a will of God for Paul's life. There is a will of God for every Christian. God's will for each of us may be different in detail or in circumstances. But there are some, "wills of God" in the Bible that are universal for every saved person. I have six wills of God that I would like to give you today.

## I. To deliver you from this present evil world:

- A. In other words, God's will for you is to be saved (Gal.1:3, 4).
- 1. (2 Pet.3:9) (1 Tim.2:3-4) (Acts 17:30).

## II. To give yourself to the Lord:

- A. (2 Cor.8:1-5) they first gave themselves to the Lord, then they gave what little money they had.
- 1. You must first give yourself to the Lord (Vs.5).

(Rev.2:5) "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and <u>repent</u>, and <u>do the first works</u>; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

2. So a part of giving yourself to the Lord involves repenting.

#### III. To abstain from sin:

- A. (1 Thess.4:1-3). Notice "that ye should abstain from fornication."
  - 1. (1 Thess.5:22) "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

## IV. To give thanks in everything:

- A. (1 Thess.5:18). This is a hard one.
- 1. We are to give God thanks for the good things and the bad.
- a. But it is the will of God for all of us to give thanks in everything!

## V. To support your government:

- A. (1 Peter 2:13-15). We are to submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.
- 1. Jesus submitted to the authority of local government (Matt.22:21).
- B. (Rom.13:1-7). Every and all governments are ordained of God.
- 1. Though we may not agree with everything, the will of God is to support your government.

### IV. Sometimes it is the will of God to suffer:

- A. (1 Pt.4:12-19). Sometimes it is the will of God to suffer, even though you've done no wrong.
- 1. (Vs.16). "Suffer as a Christian;"
- 2. (Vs.19). As we suffer, we are to commit the keeping of our souls to Jesus Christ.

Conclusion: Today I have given you six clear cut "wills of God" that is for every saved person.