Spring Valley Baptist Church

Colossians: Living In God's Will

Heresies That Were In The Colossian Church

- **Humanism (2:8)**
  Man is the center of his universe and the solution to his own problems.
- **Legalism (2:11-17)**
  You must obey rules, regulations and traditions.
- **Mysticism (2:18-19)**
  Emphasis is on the supernatural.
- **Asceticism (2:20-23)**
  Deprive yourself of anything pleasurable because it can't be from God. The extreme form is self-flagellation which means to abuse yourself.

•Paul's answer the is the supremacy of Christ.

Paul's Prayer For The Colossians

Colossians 1:9-14 - Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, [10] so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, [11] being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, [12] and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. [13] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

What Does Paul Pray For?

•To have a knowledge of God's will informed by a true spiritual understanding. (1:9)

•To live a life worthy of the Lord and to please Him in every way.

How Do We Discern God's Will?

The 3 C's Of God's Will

The counsel of God's word.

Psalm 32:8 Joshua 1:8 Psalm 119:105 Romans 12:2

God will not show you His unknown will if you do not know and obey His known will.

The comfort of God's peace.

Colossians 3:15 Philippians 4:6-7

If you have a decision to make, and you have prayed about it and searched the Bible, do not move forward.

The confirmation of others.

Proverbs 11:14 1 Corinthians 12:8

Make sure it is confirmation not direction.

How Do We Make Decisions That Will Help Us Walk In The Ways of God?

Colossians 1:15-20 - The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. [17] He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. [19] For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

We must make Jesus supreme in our lives if we want to become what God wants us to be:

•He is the visible image of God.

•He is supreme over everything.

•He created everything.

•He sustains all things .