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**God's specific will for us will NEVER contradict His 'general' will revealed in Scripture!**

**What does *living a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in every way*, look like? 1:10b**

**Bearing fruit in every good work / growing in the deep-knowledge of God. Both required.**

What does a *deep-knowledge of God* provide for us? Eph.4:13-14; ICor.14:20

**It protects us from being 'tossed here and there...' by false doctrine. Exactly their problem**

And what specific things does He do for us, re false doctrine? 1:11

**He strengthens us w/all power/His glorious might. We get endurance, patience, thanks!**

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**That He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.**

And what else has He done for us? 1:13

**He rescued us, from dominion of darkness to kingdom of the Son. From darkness to light!**

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**He redeems us (emancipation) with the forgiveness of (our) sins (totally, forever...).**

### The foundational need for Scriptural knowledge...1:9

What happened to Israel as a result of ignoring the Scriptures? Is.5:13; Hos.4:6; Prov.19:2

**They were 'destroyed', driven into exile. Without knowledge of His will they drifted off.**

What's the specific command regarding knowing His will? Eph.5:17-18

**Don't be foolish. Understand the will of the Lord and be filled w/Spirit. Power to do it.**

What's the first step in knowing/applying His will for us? James 1:5-8; Jn.7:17; ICor.2:10-12

**All believers have the Holy Spirit. Add to that a desire to know Him and His will. Filled!**

Where is the truth of His will found? IITim.3:16-17 Why remind the Colossians of this? 2:8

**The Truth is His Word. They were seeking visions, false teachings, not the Scriptures.**

Why is it so important for us to store good things in our minds (hearts)? Lu.6:45

**It's from that storehouse of good things that we actually do good things. Minds->Works!**