



The Will Of God



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- **Determinists ...**
 - Calvinists / evangelicals ...
 - **EVERYTHING** is predetermined
 - **EVERYTHING** that happens **IS** the will of God ...



Determinists

- The ‘secret-will’ of God
- The ‘revealed will’ of God
 - 2 Peter 3:9



A Special Plan ?

- A plan for every man ?
 - THOUGH NOT revealed
 - MUST then 'figure it out'
 - but how ???



Flat Tire ?

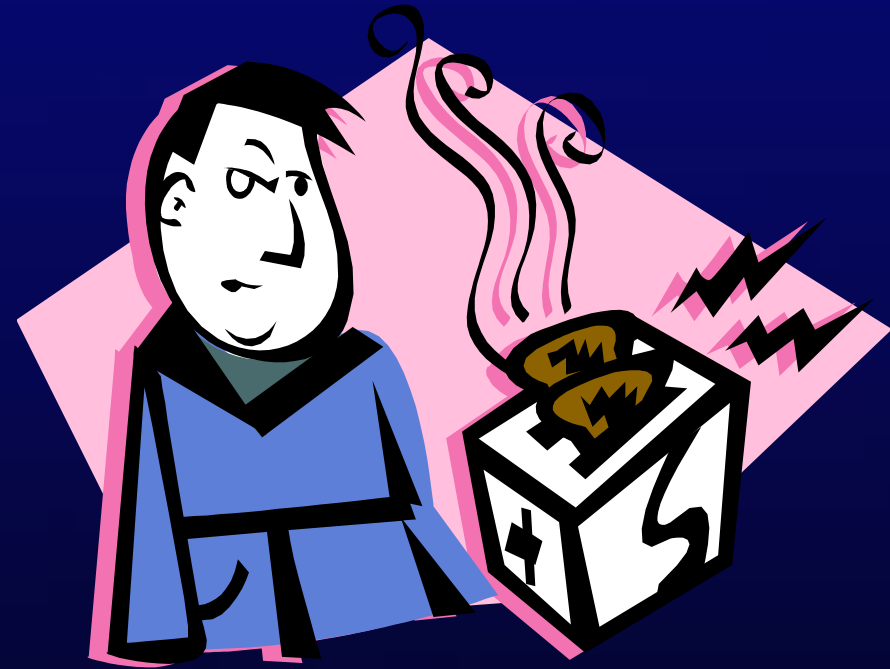
- Don't Ride Bikes
- Don't Ride today
- Don't buy THAT BRAND of tire
- Should have bought a FORD





Burnt Dinner

- I Married the wrong person ?
- I was supposed to order pizza ?
- I need cooking lessons ?





“Signs”

- ‘Signs’ without a revelation
 - are just ‘signs’
 - they give no particular message.



Will of God ?

Several Concepts

- **God's Desire – God's Decision**
- **God's Desire AND Man's Decision**
- **Man's Desires AND God's 'permission'**

God's Desire – God's Decision

- **Acts 2:22-23**

- Death of Jesus -

- **Eph. 3:11**

- eternal purpose of God

- reconciliation is IN Christ

God's Desire – God's Decision

- Creation
- Flood of Noah
- Seed of Abraham
- Resurrection of dead
- End of world

God's Desire AND Man's Decision

- God Desires – BUT
 - let's MAN have a choice
 - Sovereignty is in Judgment

God's Desire AND Man's Decision

- God's law / precepts
 - Matt. 7:21 –
 - 1 John 2:17
 - Eph. 5:17 -

God's Desire AND Man's Decision

- God's desire –
conditional

- Joshua

- » choose you this day

- IF ... THEN

God's Desire AND Man's Decision

- 1 Tim. 2:4
 - all men to be saved
- 2 Peter. 3:9
 - all men to be saved / repent
- Luke 7:30
 - rejected the counsel of God



Observations

- **REQUIRED / PROHIBITED**
 - REVEALED ...
 - it is OBJECTIVE
 - it is UNIVERSAL
 - it is KNOWABLE / ‘provable’
 - It is often ‘general’ ...

Man's Desires AND God's 'permission'

- God NOT purpose / command / desire the PARTICULAR
 - who we marry
 - how we provide for family
 - what we eat
 - where we live

Man's Desires AND God's 'permission'

- **1 Cor. 4:19**
 - if God wills
- **James 4:13-15**
 - if God wills



Will of God

- Most things are ***WITHIN*** the will of God.....
 - the PRINCIPLE is revealed
 - the PARTICULAR is a choice

God DESIRES your salvation

- He has provided – Jesus
- He has commanded – Repent
- YOU MUST CHOOSE
- YOU CAN choose HOW to obey..
- BUT “IF” obey...

You Will be Judged

