

Knowing God's Will

Romans 12:2 Hope Chapel Tokorozawa

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2 ESV)

Introduction:

Romans 12:2 presents four key aspects of God's will:

- 1. What is good
- 2. What is acceptable to God
- 3. What is perfect
- 4. The transformation that comes by renewing our minds, enabling us to discern His will.
- 1. What is Good (Romans 12:9–21, 13:8–10)

The Bible reveals what is truly good in God's eyes. This can be summed up in one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the fulfillment of the law and the foundation of Christ's teachings.

2. What is Acceptable to God (Romans 12:1, Acts 10:35, Romans 15:16, 10:14, 17)

God calls us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices—holy and pleasing to Him. Pastors are entrusted with guiding believers to become an offering sanctified by the Holy Spirit and acceptable to God.

3. What is Perfect (Romans 13:8–10, Psalm 19:7, Hebrews 1:3)

God's Word is perfect and grants wisdom to the simple. Jesus, as the exact representation of God's nature, lived out perfect love, fulfilled the law, and set the ultimate example for us.

4. Be Transformed by the Renewal of Your Mind

The original meaning of "repentance" is "to change one's mind." To truly know God's will, we must turn away from the values of this world and align our hearts and minds with Jesus.

Conclusion (Ephesians 4:13-15, 1:5, John 13:34)

Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This reveals that **God's will is for us to be transformed into Christlikeness**. As we renew our minds and live in God's love, we will be accepted by Him and led toward spiritual maturity and completeness.

