

Your Will – Dead or Alive

Oops, My Bad... Now What?

The biblical 'will':

- Refers to what a person wants or values
- Dictates the things loved or hated
- includes the total person in the act of making decisions

Our 'will' at birth:

- Is inclined toward our pleasures and entertainments
- Is predisposed against God and the things of God
- Is considered both free and enslaved

A BIG question: How should I understand man's free will and God's sovereign control?

- God is not the author of sin, but is sovereign over it.
- Yet, if man's 'will' is not free, it is no longer the will.
The Bible does not condemn man for acting under compulsion, but rather acting according to the will of his nature.

Our 'will' and the gospel transformation

- Our guilt and condemnation is changed to living in righteousness; God declares us justified! Romans 3:24-25
- Our self-will is changed to a will that serves Christ and others – 2 Timothy 2:25-26
- Our hatred for God's supremacy is changed into embracing the Lordship of Jesus – Romans 8:15-16
- Our condition of spiritual death is changed to spiritual life – Eph. 2:5

The will is one of the soul's most accurate spiritual barometers. – Timothy Juhnke, The Mischief of Sin