

**THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
VOLUME 7: PARTAKE OF THE DIVINE NATURE
MESSAGE 1: KNOW THE WILL OF GOD
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• **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:**

- **2 Peter 1:1-4** [emphasis on verse 4]
 - This should be the main goal of every born-again believer: to partake of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world.

I. **Know the Will of God**

- a. Colossians 1:9 = know, understand, and operate in the Will of God in our everyday life
 - i. James 1:22, 25
 - ii. When we choose to operate in God's Will we receive all these exceeding great and precious promises from God – Colossians 1:10-11
 - 1. We walk worthy of the Lord
 - 2. We are pleasing to the Lord (living by faith)
 - 3. We become fruitful in every good work (which begins to make the world jealous – so they want to know how we got so prosperous)
 - 4. We become strong in the Lord and the Power of His Might: The ANOINTING begins to flow continually
 - 5. We are always increasing in knowledge and increasing in faith
- b. Through all this we become Ambassadors and Witnesses for Christ

II. **How do we get there?**

- a. Philippians 3:7-8
 - i. Paul was willing to let go of all the benefits that came with being a high-ranking Pharisee
- b. Philippians 1:9 = "... that I may WIN CHRIST" – WIN the ANOINTED ONE with His ANOINTING
 - i. Through faith and by faith
 - ii. Colossians 1:4-6 – a checklist of what caused Paul to pray for the people at the Colossi Church
 - 1. Faith in God and in God's Word
 - 2. Love for one another
 - 3. Hope for their future: Jesus Christ, The Word of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit
 - 4. A hunger for the Truth of the Gospel: Romans 1:16-17
 - 5. Knowing the Grace of God in Truth

- iii. Colossians 1:22-23, 25-27
 - 1. Verse 27 should be the Ultimate Goal of every Church and every believer
 - 2. Christ operating in and through every believer within the Church

III. **That is going to take Knowledge**

- a. Ephesians 1:19-23
- b. Philippians 3:9-14
 - i. Knowledge develops faith
 - ii. Verse 14: PRESS = push forward – put the pressure on Satan instead of him putting pressure on the Church
- c. Matthew 13:44
 - i. You must desire what is most important in your life
- d. To reach our goal: “Christ working in us” we must understand:
 - i. The Laws of the Spirit
 - ii. The Forces of the Recreated Spirit