

ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

1 JOHN 5:10-15

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Introduction:

There is a simplicity at the heart of the Christian life that is often missed in an effort to be technical. The simple fact is found in Colossians 2:

Colossians 2:6

⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:

The elements of conversion are the same pattern for the entire Christian life, including the practice of prayer. These elements are: (1) Acknowledging our need, (2) talking to God, (3) God's revelation of His will through His Word, (4) our receiving His Word as true and responding in faith, and (5) God's hearing and answering.

A great prayer promise is found in our text along with the key to answered prayer.

Notice:

1. CERTAINTY (1 JOHN 5:10-13)

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¹⁰ He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. ¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

A. God Provides His Witness within the Christian
(vs. 10-12) – “Hath the witness in himself”

B. God Provides His Word to the Christian
(vs. 13) – “These things have I written unto you”

- The . . . Revelation of God’s Word 5:13a
- The . . . Reason Of God’s Word 5:13b
- The . . . Resolve Of God’s Word 5:13c

2. CONDITIONS (1 JOHN 5:14)

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Praying according to His Will is the simple condition.

God's provides His Word to the Christian; and it's in God's Word that His Will is revealed.

Just a couple of things regarding God's Will:

- We need to be committed to do God's Will as His Will is revealed to us.
- We should never place personal limits on God's Will – It's His Will not Ours.

What does God's Will provide?

A. God's Will Teaches Construction of Prayer
(vs. 14b) – ask anything according to His Will

- I must pray in the Will of God
- In His Will Means:
 - ◇ In Agreement with what God Declares.
James 1:5

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⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

- ◇ In Agreement with what God Sees Best
- ◇ What Is Consistent with God's Design
2 Corinthians 12:8-9

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⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

◇ What is good for all involved

We have seen the certainty, and the conditions of prayer, and lastly note the:

3. CONFIDENCE (1 JOHN 5:14-15)

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¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

A. "He heareth us"

If we know the He hears us why don't we pray more?

The Christian can talk to God at anytime.

Close:

Simple as it may seem, if we want to have our prayers answered all we need to do is pray according to His will and we can pray with confidence that He will hear us.