

**July 27, 2025**

God's Discernible Will

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## **Romans 12:1-2**

### **Chapters 1-11**

- Chapters 1-3: We are under God's wrath and are all condemned under sin (1:18). We can be made righteous through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Chapter 4: We are justified freely by faith
- Chapter 5: We have access to God and the hope of Heaven. God will shape us through the trials we face.
- Chapters 6-8: The finished work of Jesus has allowed us to be freed from the law and sin and adopted into God's family. As believers, the Holy Spirit lives in us.
- Chapters 9-11: Paul presented the promises that God made to the Jewish nation.

### **We have a choice as to how we will live for God**

- God is appealing to \_\_\_\_\_

### **Our response to God's Discernible Will: 3 stages**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our bodies (v. 1)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds (v. 2a)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His will (v. 2b)

#### **Types of God's will**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Discerning God's will**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's peace
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people

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## Sermon Talks

1. Read Romans 12:1-2
2. What are examples of selfish things Christians grab onto? Why can't they seem to let them go?
3. Think about the greyhound race illustration. Did you find it interesting that not one dog finished the race? Why do you think that was?
4. Outside of Jesus, what are things that people put their hope in? Why do they do that?
5. How does a believer live as a "living sacrifice," and how have you applied this principle in your life?
6. Explain each of the three wills of God (perfect, prescriptive, permissive). How do they correspond with one another?
7. Go back and review the three ways to discern the will of God. Is there an example of a time where, based on these three ways, you were able to discern His will?
8. Are you currently in a season where you are trying to discern His will? Explain.
9. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Romans 12:1-2) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?