

Bible study week

2 scriptures. Colossians 1:9-10. Romans 12: 1-2

Romans 12

Verse 1: Paul says that it starts with the foundation of knowing god is being obedient to god is sacrificial worship. Our complete bodies. We should present our whole body.

Verse 2: focuses on renewal of mind. We are called to know God's will and follow it. Why? Because when we present god a transformed mind and a complete worshipful life. We can please God.

Colossians 1: 9-10

Paul's letter points to a comparison of sorts. Here is what the world offers....the world offers what Paul considers deceptive philosophy 2:8 Paul's prayer is for more so much more than the world offers. Going through verse 12 there are four attributes in this life. Fruit produced by the gospel. The fruit that comes fro following gods will. Good works and knowledge of god. Good works contrast with evil works Paul will talk about later in the letter.

Verse 11 the power to live this way. Comes from God and see that's a good thing. To face suffering trials at our jobs etc. Its not easy. It's often beyond us. Life pleasing god and following g his will also last participle joy and thanks.

Perfect plan. We know those problems. Others suggest as I struggle with that god has a perfect plan for our lives but gives us freedom to choose to follow gods perfect will or reject it

One of the problems with this. God doesn't hand us the script. So he has a perfect will but doesn't make it clear. So how do we deal with that? Permissive will. Speak of things god allows but aren't part of his perfect will. So more questions. Of god has imperfect will hut allows me to astray from it. Even one decision can then thrown the whole thing away.

The alternative. Collaboration. God has an outline. We can write it with god or without.

So not a manuscript but s hope and an outline. God wants our story to be about redemption and love faith and courage.

Gods prescriptive will

How we make our decisions that what specific decisions we make. Prescriptions. Instructions. Will e follow them? We find god's prescriptive will in the bible.

Examples 10 commandments. Jesus' two. Pay attention. God incidents. Following gods will not about our happiness but our faithful ness.