

**Intro – Review** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I. The will of God – 2:11-12**

- God's will is expressed in various ways throughout the Bible.

1. God's direct will. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Direct positive will \_\_\_\_\_

B. Direct negative will \_\_\_\_\_

2. God's permissive will. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Permissive positive will \_\_\_\_\_

B. Permissive negative will \_\_\_\_\_

- God knows in advance what the result of His will (no matter how it is expressed) will be.

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- God "sends" a delusion in the sense that He permits it to happen.

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**The way of truth – 2:13-17**

- Paul outlines why the Thessalonians should be thoughtful despite their sufferings.

1. They have been chosen for salvation – vs. 13 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Their salvation is sure – vs. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

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- Paul tells them how they are to respond to the attacks of others – vs. 15

A. Stand firm \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Hold to traditions \_\_\_\_\_

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- Paul completes the passage with a blessing – vs. 16-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### III. Will and Salvation

- This passage outlines 5 ways that God's direct positive will operates:
  1. God \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 13  
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  2. God \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 13  
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  3. God \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 14  
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  4. God \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 13  
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  5. God \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 14  
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- In all of these we see God's direct will operating and in doing so guarantees our salvation because:
  - God always \_\_\_\_\_
  - God never \_\_\_\_\_
  - God continues \_\_\_\_\_
  - God guarantees \_\_\_\_\_
  - God has the power to \_\_\_\_\_

Man also operates his direct will in the process of salvation:

1. Man \_\_\_\_\_
2. Man \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 13
3. Man stands firm in \_\_\_\_\_

God will permit man to refuse salvation and suffer the consequences if man wills this.

### Summary/Lessons

1. God wants to save us but do we always \_\_\_\_\_?  
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2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Comfort comes from \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_  
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