

# REDEEMING OUR WILLS: ESCAPING FROM ESCAPISM

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## INTRODUCTION

- Everyday choices have everlasting consequences!

## OBJECTIVE(S)

- *'The debilitating effects of passivity'*
- *'Coram Deo'*

## DEFINITIONS

- Redeem – *To buy back, to deliver. To make the most of!! Maximizing the use of!*
- Will – *Willing choices are choices that are made in accord with our desires and with no awareness of restraints on our will.*
- Escapism – *A deliberate act of the will whereby you turn to embrace something, other than God, as an ultimate source of comfort and refuge.*

## SERMON

### I. Know the Lord

- Actual theology v practical theology
- Outward deeds, willful choices and the human heart
- The Christian need not 'escape', but 'submit'

### II. Know God's Law

- Why we need to know God's law
- Knowledge of His will is critical for me to exercise my will rightly
- God desires His children to bear the fruit of obedience

### III. Know your Limits

- What Paul is saying and not saying
- All things that are lawful are to be viewed, engaged in and enjoyed, under the Lordship of Christ
- We must know our personal limitations

## CLOSING

- A persuasive quote