

The Choice is Yours!

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Our destiny is determined by our choices in life—therefore, making wise and scriptural choices becomes ever more important as the return of Christ comes ever closer to reality. It is our choice to be spiritually enlightened by the Holy Spirit, or to remain in spiritual darkness by the stubbornness of our own heart.

The best weapon against the power of darkness—the one Satan wants to hide from us—is the power of the Blood of the Lord Jesus. The Blood of Christ *releases* us from the things the devil wants to keep *on* us—wrong attitudes; anger; resentment; an unforgiving spirit; physical oppression; poverty, problems, and desires of the world.

The Cross gives us new *life* if we make the right *choice*—it changes our citizenship from *earth* to *Heaven*. It gives access to the power of God to do scriptural things in life. This freedom from the power of the devil comes by our choice to trust in the power of God—but mega millions in the world ignore that fact. If we do not take advantage of this *opportunity to choose wisely*, Satan will take advantage of us and lead us in the wrong direction.

The choice is ours to allow Satan to deceive us—by willfully ignoring this principle of trust on the Blood of Christ—or we can *choose* to trust

God who wants to enlighten us and to give us many blessings. God is *not* responsible for the problems the *devil* has caused.

Sooner or later, everyone makes a choice—*who* they believe or *what* they believe—but this responsibility to choose has been ignored by millions who *say* they believe Jesus, and *profess* to trust God, but their life choices do not support that claim.

Calvinism says we have no control of our destiny—we are either *born to be saved* or *born to be lost*. That delusion teaches that the choice is *not* ours—the individual has *no* say in the matter—it is all up to God—who allows some people to be lost and others be saved. The doctrine *Once Saved; Always Saved* is straight from the devil.

Most people in the world—even many who *claim* to believe in God—put the blame for illness, problems, sorrows, troubles, and untimely passings on God. This faulty thinking results of *not knowing* God and *not knowing* that the *choice is theirs*. They think it is strange that God allows such calamities to take place.

This wrong thinking gives Satan the opportunity to rob people spiritually, physically, financially, in the home and in every *other* way. They blame *God* for the difficulties they meet, rather than blame the *devil* and find the spiritual *cause*.
John 10:10 “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have Life, and may have it in abundance.*”

When a meal is prepared for us and we are called to the table, the choice is ours to partake of the food or refuse to eat. If we choose *not* to eat, we rob ourselves of a good meal. No one can eat the food *for* us. The cook prepared the dinner—completing their duty—we can now *eat* of the food or *refuse* to eat. It is our choice to *eat* it or *leave* it; to be *full* or *famished*; to be *nourished* or *malnourished*.

God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil beside the tree of life in Eden Genesis 2 so the choice would be the individual’s choice. This responsibility to choose is the most valuable gift a Creator could give His creation—but it does make *them* responsible for their *own* destiny. The *choice* to live the way we want is in our hands—*who* we put faith in; *how* we obtain things; and *what* blessings are received—spiritually, physically, monetarily, and every other way.

The choice was Adam’s Genesis 2:16-17 “*Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*”

The trees *had* to be different to present a *choice*. If the trees were identical there would be no choice. From *that* day to *this* day—the choice is *still* ours!

God taught Abraham how to trust Him *in faith* for everything *in life*. God gathered the twelve tribes of Israel and He brought them to Canaan—the Promised Land. God said to Joshua Deuteronomy 30:19 “*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you.*”

It was a remarkable position for God to take. He allowed everyone—all the angels and demons; all the good and the bad to be *jurors*. God said, “*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.*”

The choice is *still* ours whether we enjoy God’s blessings, His health, peace, and protection, or not. If we will *walk* by faith and *keep* His commandments Deuteronomy 30:16-18 “*God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days.*”

The worst thing to say about God is that *He* is responsible for the trials and troubles we have in life—because *we* can choose otherwise. Psalm 103:17 “*The mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him.*” It is a *choice* and a *principle* that must be accepted and followed if God’s blessings are to be expected.

God portrays His Gospel as a prepared dinner to be accepted or rejected—the *choice is ours!* Matthew 22:4 “*Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.*” Servants were sent out to *invite* people to come and partake, but they *refused* and *rejected* the offer! They were not *forced* as they had *freewill*.

Jesus referred to that choice Matthew 23:37 “*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*”

By making the *wrong* choice the Jews are scattered all over the world—*without* God and *without* sacrifice; *without* His forgiveness and heading for the lake of fire—if there is no true repentance on Israel’s part. Jesus *had* to say 38 “*Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*”

The choice was theirs, and they *could* have been living and enjoying Psalm 91:1 “*In the secret place of the most High*” and abiding “*under the shadow of the Almighty*” where 10 “*no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*” The choice was theirs and they *chose* the wrong way—moving themselves outside the will of God.

Since they made the *wrong* choice—and until they realized their mistake and are ready to make a *right* choice, Jesus was *compelled* to say Matthew 23:39 “*Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*”

When we choose to *believe* and *trust* God in faith, our prayers can be *heard* and *answered*—because the Atonement Blood of Jesus enables the power of God to *do* things for those who believe. The shedding of Blood frees us from sin, self, and Satan.

A blood sacrifice *pays* for our right to be free from Satan’s power—it *pays* for our healing, our peace, our protection, and for everything else! All those good things have been *paid* in full by the shedding of Jesus’ Blood. All the blessings are ready to be picked up by faith.

The only way for that *right* to be nullified, is for us to *forfeit* that right—which we *do* when we *willingly accept* the illness, the difficulty, the aches and pains, and the troubles Satan tries to put on us. The devil needs to obtain *our* consent—which he does when we agree to his *suggestions* instead of believing God’s *promises*. James 4:7 “*Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.*”

If the peace of our home is gone; if our sleep is disturbed; if there are difficulties at work, or if we are physically oppressed, we should pray: *Dear heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus bore my guilt and pain on the cross; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him, and this situation is disturbing my peace. I claim my Atonement right for peace to be restored in my home and for the healing of my body to be given. Amen.*

The choice is ours to offer a prayer like that—or we can let it go by default—*anxiety* or *peace*; *poverty* or *plenty*; *healing* or *oppression*—it is how we choose. If we lose sight of the Cross and fail to take advantage of God’s power, the devil has *his* way and gives us pain, problems, struggles, and shortages. Accepting *fear* is believing the *devil*—because 2 Timothy 1:7 “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*”

If Satan can have us see his *dark* side, then God can have us see His *bright* side. It is our

choice to accept peace or conflict; plenty or poverty; harmony or discord; wellness or illness; victory or defeat. James 4:7 “*Be subject, then, to God; stand up against the devil, and he will flee from you; draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.*”

Noah made the right choice and saved his family. His choice condemned the unbelieving world of his day and to this day. The people *could* have been *saved* through the Flood and *could* have *had* Noah’s protection—but they Matthew 23:37 “*Would not!*”

Satan does not approach with horns and a red suit—he does not say: *I have come to rob you of your rights!* But he *will subtly suggest* that we accept his problems; troubles weakness; disharmony in the home and quarrels within the family. He wants us to accept trials, troubles, and shortages of every type. Satan puts a chalk mark on our door, and he tries to visit whenever he wants.

Claiming the Blood of Calvary when Satan comes knocking at our door, will free us from a thousand snares of Satan. Using our *power* to *choose* and *claiming* our Atonement *rights* by faith in Christ will enable us to enjoy the blessings, benefits, peace, and plenty God *wants* us to have.

Our most powerful *weapon* against Satan is our *choice*. The *Cross* gives us the *right* to be excused from sin, sorrow, self, and Satan—from a minor pain to a major attack; from lacking a dollar to a serious debt. Satan cannot block one cent without our consent.

Romans 8:17 “*If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.*” Our Platinum credit card account is *in Heaven*—we can draw anything *out* as desired! *The choice is ours!*

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