

## THERE IS ONLY EVER TWO CHOICES

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*We live in a world where literally thousands of choices can be made every day. These collectively consume time, energy and resources; ultimately determining our personal destiny. Despite the numerous choices we make from moment to moment; there are only two primary choices we are effectively making every day... whether we live or whether we die. The right choices need to be made every day if we value our lives.*

**Jesus Christ revealed the truth about real choices, right at the start of his ministry. MAT 4:8** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. *This was one of three times Satan had made Jesus an offer. None of the offers included any form of spiritual life benefits. This whole world today has accepted Satan's offer and have failed to grasp the fact they are choosing to follow a lie rather than the truth. Secondly, their choices are fatal if God is not a spiritually active part of their lives. DEU 10:14* Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, **the earth also**, with all that therein is. *This world and all of its attractions are not Satan's to give... all 'treasures' are the Lord's to give (the world). Satan/world never talk about nor offer eternal life.*

**Jesus again reveals the two choices that humans need to make (life or death aren't a multitude of choices). MAT 13:36** Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. *Jesus simply explains the fundamental choices that all humans need to make. 37* He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed (*knowledge of life*) is the Son of man; **38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; **39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. **40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Eternal life is a choice that we need to act upon... it isn't automatic.*

**Spiritual death is the default position if you don't take steps to change it. ROM 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. *There is a simple process where we move from certain death to certain life.*

**Jesus also revealed his duty to promote spiritual life and how it could be gained. ACT 26:18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. *How???*

**This was his simple gospel of life message. ACT 2:37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost** (*comes with evidence, it is not just a theory... v4* And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance). **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. *God offers a clear sign as proof of spiritual life (gift of tongues), everything else is just theory. This offer is still valid and will end shortly when Christ returns... there will be no further choices at this time.*

**DEFAULT POSITION... We effectively help Satan if our daily choices don't include spiritual actions. 1JOH 3:10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not **righteousness** (*present tense*) is not of God, neither he that **loveth** not his brother. **11** For this is the message that ye heard from the **beginning**, that we should love one another. *Consider every decision we make every day... how many are about preserving spiritual life in others? Every other choice is a natural choice only!!*

**JAM 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the **devil**, and he will flee from you.

*Repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit... then choose to walk in the spirit every single day of your life. There are many choices that you might or might not have available, but the choice to live or die is always yours to make.*