

There is a Choice!

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Colossians 3:23 *Whatever ye do, do it all*
1 John 2:3 *we know God if we keep His Word*
1 John 2:5 *the love of God is perfected*
Acts 17:27 *God is not far from any one of us*
Hebrews 9:28 *Christ was offered once to bear*
John 5:22-23 *The Father judges no one*
John 5:24 *hears My word and believes in Him*
John 15:10 *to obey Ye shall abide in my love*
John 5:29 *they that have done good, unto life*
1 Peter 1:22 *purify your souls by obeying the*

Theme: **facing choices and deciding correctly**

1 We awake in the morning with *choices* to make—to first thank God for the gift of another day and asking for His help to make *scriptural* choices concerning work; the family; with children; and other issues.

2 First choice is to read what God wants to say to us in the Bible concerning that day—AV **Colossians 3:23** “*Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.*”

3 To know *God* is to know His *Word* and to keep His instructions in memory. AV **1 John 2:3** “*Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*”

4 It is not true to say we know Him but not *do* what He says. If we obey His Word then **5** “*the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*”

5 It is a choice to *believe* and to *trust* in God to bring *change* to our ways and attitudes and responses to people.

6 Many *say* they are Christians but do not *keep* God’s Word when it comes to responding to wrongs and offenses.

7 Because Israel often did not obey God when He spoke—which was called *doing evil in the sight of the LORD thy God*—He said Israel would be scattered all over the world.

8 **Deuteronomy 4:29** NIV “*But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*”

9 Making *the* choice to *seek* God and to *trust* Him would have saved Israel. We have to *also* make the choice to trust God and have faith in the Atonement sacrifice of Christ. It is how we escape the flames.

10 We are to **Isaiah 55:6** NKJV “*Seek the LORD while He may be found*”—and He “*Is not far from any one of us*” **Acts 17:27** WEY.

11 Wanting to really *know* God and to *have* His Spirit within to inspire faith in us can *never* be omitted. The *Spirit of God* within empowers us to make Scriptural choices and give Christlike responses to everyone and everything.

12 The judgment of everyone on earth is delayed until the *end* of their life—therefore we have *this life* as our only *opportunity* to put our trust on the Blood of Christ. NKJV **Hebrews 9:28** “*Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.*” When our sins are *forgiven*, our prayers will be *answered*, and our attitudes will *change*.

13 NKJV **John 5:22-23** “*The Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.*” The Son will make a *judgment* of our life on earth—whether we trusted *God in faith* or if we trusted something else due to a *lack of faith*. *God is honored* when we choose to put our trust on His Son.

14 Obedience to the *Word* leads to the *kingdom*—NKJV **John 5:24** “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment.*”

15 We are no longer doubtful but willing to *believe* in His Son. We are now *inspired* as *required* to trust God in making scriptural choices.

16 Doing what is *right* is making a *right choice* to put our *trust on* God for the change that is needed in us. His *love* is always ready to *act* on our behalf.

17 **John 15:10** WEY “*If you obey my commands, you will continue in my love.*” That love of God in our heart enables us to treat others with that same love, kindness, and consideration.

18 God always gives opportunities for us to *repent* and *return* to a position of trust on Him, if we have acted in a worldly way toward something.

19 When we choose correctly AV **John 15:10** “*ye shall abide in my love,*” but we take the initiative **Malachi 3:7** NKJV “*Return to Me, and I will return to you, Says the LORD.*”

20 Jesus *wants* us to put our faith in His shed Blood so we can stand before the Father cleansed of sin. And *cleansing* means *forgiving* AV **Matthew 6:14** “*For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*”

21 When this life is over there will be the *few* who made the *right choice* to trust God for Christlike

attitudes—and there will be the *many* who are *not* trusting God and have worldly attitudes.

22 Both AV **John 5:29** “*Shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*”

23 No one can *say* they trust God—but at the same time trust medical procedures, health plans, insurance policies, company pensions, savings accounts, legal action, security cameras, and firearms. Our trust is to be on *God—not on a policy, pill, or medical process.*

24 Jesus asks His Father to inspire us in *faith* through His *Spirit* to come back and trust Him to be able to act a kind and considerate way toward everyone. **Hebrews 7:25** NIV “*He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*”

25 God does *not* want anyone to *perish* through *rebellion*, but for everyone to be *saved* through *repentance*—**2 Peter 3:9**. God *loves us*, so He gave us His Son to die on the cross *for us* to bring about the change *in us* that is needed.

26 God promises to *enlighten* us and then *correct* us if we have strayed from a position of trust on Him for Christlike attitudes. AV **Hebrews 12:5** “*My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor [be discouraged NKJV] when thou art rebuked of him.*”

27 God makes a *correction* of our *direction* if we have strayed from His plan by trusting in the wrong thing—like a pill; a gun; a policy; or stored money. **Hebrews 12:6** “*For whom the LORD loves He disciplines.*”

28 We should *not* condemn others whom Satan has led astray to act in a wrong way, or to put their trust in the wrong thing; but we *should love* them and *pray* for them—to return to trust God and act in love toward everyone.

29 We should *not* have close fellowship with an unbeliever until there are signs of repentance.

30 *Unbelief* is *idolatry*—and a serious sin. We are to come *away from* those who *do not believe* God in faith and who retain worldly attitudes. **2 Corinthians 6:14** “*Do not [come into close association WEY] with unbelievers. For what does a believer and an unbeliever have in common?*”

31 We should *pray* for anyone who does not believe Jesus as their Savior—and asking God to lead them back to a position of obedient trust on the Lord for relevant life issues.

32 That prayer is from the *love of God* in our heart and is *acting in love* toward them—**Galatians 5:6** NIV “*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*”

33 Trust *on God* is an expression of believing faith in *Christ*. NKJV **1 Peter 1:22** “*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.*”

34 No neutral position exists—we are either on the *right* side of obedient trust on God for Christlike attitudes and godly choices; NKJV **John 3:18** “*He who believes [trusts WEY] in Him is not condemned.*”

35 Or we are on the *left* side of no trust on God and retaining worldly attitudes that has us making unscriptural choices. “*He who does not believe [not trust] is condemned already, because he has*

not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

36 The *importance of trusting* every day on the Atonement Blood of Jesus for the change in us that is needed, is central to a life of faith in God. We are to be *willing* to follow His instructions—*then* the Holy Spirit inspires us to follow them.

37 The underlying message of this study is about the importance of making *right choices* concerning everything—and it is about *receiving eternal life* through obedient faith on the Blood of Jesus—bearing spiritual fruit by doing kind acts and loving others.

38 Every morning we face choices, and with a willingness in our heart to make *scriptural* choices, we will see real *change* in us to godly ways, kind words, and polite responses to people we meet.

39 It all starts with that willingness to allow God to *change* us to what *He* wants us to be—which is our being a Christlike example to everyone in our home, at our place of business, and among our circle of friends. That is bearing spiritual fruit—a *must* issue!

40 Jesus calls us to follow Him—as He called Jerusalem to be under His protection by just being *willing*. We must not follow their example. Jesus had to say **Luke 13:34** “*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem—how I wanted you to listen, learn, and practice my ways, “but you were not willing!”*”

41 We must *always* be *willing* to listen—and there is *always* a *Choice* to make!