

## #31 FORUM POST ON CHOICES

Dear FaithWillDo,

Yes, "Our Choices" are controlled by God. We don't create the Choices, we are just instructed to make a choice from the Choices God created and has set before us.

Duet. 30:15 See, I (Christ) have set before thee this day **life** and **good**, and **death** and **evil**;

16 In that I command thee this day to **love the LORD thy God**, to **walk in his ways**, and to **keep his commandments** and his statutes and his judgments, **that thou mayest live and multiply**: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 **But if thine heart turn away**, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, **that ye shall surely perish**, and that ye shall **not** prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

One popular religious practice I have seen, is for men to read or hear a doctrine, believe in it, and then pick whatever scriptures fall can be used to promote it. Even satan quotes some of God's Word.

**Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.**

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 **Commit thy works unto the LORD**, and thy thoughts shall be established.

When we "choose" Life as we are instructed, as His Word's I posted plainly say, and cling to God, then it is His Voice/Word/Spirit/influence that directs our hearts and thoughts. When we go our own way, then it is the "other" voice/word/spirit/influence that establishes our hearts and thoughts. You see how God's Message becomes clear when you include "Every Word" in your consideration as Jesus instructed.

So then when a man considers the first dozen sentences in Prov. 16, the religious philosophy that you are promoting, by only quoted one sentence, starts to fizzle out, and the Duet. 30 verse, that you don't even acknowledge exists, is confirmed even more..

So then Proverbs 16 goes from supporting your religious philosophy, to exposing it, and agreeing with Duet 30, where the God of the Bible tells me HE gives us a Choice, but it is up to us to make it..

You are promoting Calvinism here. A religious philosophy whereby God's children are picked

by some secret "Holy Lottery", but in the end it doesn't matter because the teaching that God "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" is a lie, and if we aren't picked by the Lottery, we will be picked in the end anyway.

So then the very first deception, that is, when satan convinced Eve that God lied to her and she shall "surely not die", is actually true. That satan was telling the truth and it was God who lied to Eve.

Calvinism is just another continece of this ancient religious philosophy. The key to escape this deceptive religious philosophy is to place your Faith in the Jesus of the Bible, and not Calvin or the Pope, or other self proclaimed "ministers of righteousness". "Man shall live by Every Word that Proceeds from the mouth of God". satan quoted some of God's word, but can not use them all, because to do so would expose who he really is.

We are also protected from the wiles of the devil when we wield the "Sword of the Lord", that is, the Word of God. But it is essential to consider them all, and not cherry pick to promote this religious franchise, or that religious philosophy.

I'm not interested in Calvinism or any form of Calvinism. I also know how difficult it is to let go of popular religious traditions. The Mainstream Preachers of Jesus time showed me this.

When it comes down to who I believe, the religious philosophy promoted by Calvin and his followers, or the Christ of the Bible, I "choose" the Christ of the Bible.

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Dear S\_\_\_\_,

I do not hold to any of the teachings of man and certainly not Calvin.

You are still not understanding what I am saying about choices. This is probably happening because you are lumping me in with Calvin and just assuming my beliefs match to this false system of belief.

Did you really make a free will choice to accept Christ of the Bible or are you still deceived by the false teachings of Satan?

Scripture says mankind (in our created spiritual condition) does not have the ability to choose Christ unless Christ comes to us first and gives us the Holy Spirit. He chooses us and not the other way around.

Here again is what scripture teaches:

God loves 100% of mankind and will save 100% of mankind. He is not a respecter of persons which your beliefs make Him out to be. All have sinned and all will receive the penalty of sin which is death. But the death we must pay is a spiritual death. Our flawed spiritual makeup must

be permanently destroyed and replaced with God's perfect spiritual makeup (the Holy Spirit). This is conversion.

Christ was sent by the Father to do this work of conversion within each person. For Christ to accomplish His work, He uses TWO ages of time. In this present age, He is only saving the First Fruits of the harvest of mankind. They are persons who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. They are blessed to suit God's own purposes and not because of anything they have ever done. They were not even alive when God chose them. And if they had been alive at the time He chose them, He still would not have chosen them because of anything they might have done. This chosen group is very small. Most of mankind is not even "called out" from the world but "many" are. And from this group of "many", a "few" have been chosen. They will be the "heirs" of the promise, the Fruit Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind.

**Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

The spiritual progression taught in scripture is unbelievers dwell in the sea (100% of mankind). If the unbeliever is called out (Early Rain), they rise to dwell on the earth. If they are also chosen, then at the time of the Latter Rain, they will rise up to dwell with Christ in Heaven. It takes the Early and Latter Rain to be saved. All mankind will follow this pathway, only the timing of when a person completes the journey varies.

The Chosen First Fruits rise to dwell in Heaven in this age but all others will have to wait until the final age to be saved. Christ is not working to save anyone else at this time. And because our salvation is 100% the work of Christ, mankind cannot make a choice on when they will be saved. If we could contribute anything from our supposed free will, then our salvation would be a mix of our works and the works of Christ. This belief is what causes the sin that leads to death - the sin of falling away (back to works). This sin of falling away happens to everyone who is called out, no exceptions.

Our spiritually flawed spiritual makeup prefers the Old Covenant rather than the New Covenant:

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.**

Until we are born again at the time of the Latter Rain, we believe our works (even if it is only taking credit for our decision to accept Christ) are needed to make us worthy of our salvation. We have no free will ability to decide differently - it is built into our carnal nature. And because of this belief, we think that those who reject Christ are worthy of a literal place called hell where they will be tormented in fire for all eternity. We believe that we were wiser or smarter than those who remained lost - and that belief justifies why they go to hell and we go to heaven. But if that were true, then God IS a respecter of persons and He is not a God of love at all. What loving purpose could God have for tormenting someone in fire for all eternity?

The Doctrine of Hell is a lie from Satan. Christ is loving, merciful, longsuffering and is NOT willing that any should perish. If He is not willing, then who can stop Him from completing the work of the Father?

**1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.**

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

But with those who are chosen, Christ will come to them a second time while they are in this fallen away, spiritually darkened condition. When Christ comes, He gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. No matter how great and strong one believes their power to choose the timing of their salvation is, they cannot make Christ come to them. They must wait on the second coming of the Lord and He has already chosen those who will receive His second visitation in this age.

This pathway of salvation is taught in many places of scripture (Old and New Testament both). Mankind has no ability to change this pathway God has laid down for us to travel. The Chosen complete the pathway now before they physically die but all others will have to wait until the final age.

**John 1:12–13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

**Eph 1:4-5 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**

**Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ (the Firstfruits).**

Your doctrine of self-determination is a lie from Satan.

Joe