

CHOOSE WISELY

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This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. **Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

... **choose** for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12)

Five wise choices you need to make...

I. CHOOSE _____ NOT WORKS.

Galatians 4:19-20 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, 20 how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

A. Paul: Are you _____ me?

Galatians 4:21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

II. CHOOSE _____ NOT SLAVERY.

Galatians 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

Galatians 4:23 His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.

A. Story of two _____: Ishmael & Isaac (Gen 12, 15, 16, 17, 21)

B. Which _____ are you?

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

III. CHOOSE _____ NOT RELIGION.

A. Religion is of the _____. Relationship takes faith.

Galatians 4:24 These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.

Galatians 4:25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

Galatians 4:26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

B. Which "_____ " are you living under?

Galatians 4:27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband."

IV. CHOOSE _____ NOT FLESH.

A. People under law don't _____ those under promise.

Galatians 4:28-29 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

B. We must be _____ of spirit!

John 3:6-8 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

V. CHOOSE _____ NOT DEATH.

A. Works are _____ compatible with _____. Must choose ONE!

Galatians 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."

Galatians 4:31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

VI. SUMMARY: WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE TODAY? _____ OR _____ ? JESUS OR WORKS?

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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CHOOSE _____ TODAY!**