

CHOOSE LIFE

For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (**Romans 6:23**).

Have you watched any commercials lately? If you haven't you must not watch TV!! They are everywhere!! It seems there is at least fifteen minutes per half hour of commercials in every show! I have also noticed that at least eighty percent of them are trying to sell you a remedy for some ailment or another!! There is a pill or drug for everything, there are even pills and drugs for other pills and drugs that you take!! Now I am not saying that medicine is bad, because it has surely helped me a time or two! We have come a long way with all kinds of medicines to help us live healthier lives. Everyone is looking for the remedy for their ailment!! We all want to live quality lives while we are here on earth. We want to be able to do the things we have always done and so we seek out the drug or pill that will work.

I want to talk about another kind of remedy. This remedy is the only answer for the ailment of our soul. This remedy will set you free from all of the issues of life!! It is the remedy for sin!! The name of this remedy is Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God!! Paul tells the Romans that the wages for sin is death!! If we know this why would we not be looking for the remedy?? Why would we not be looking for the One who can keep us from eternal torment in Hell??

As I ponder this thought and as I watch what is going on in the world, there are so many who need what Jesus has already given!! Jesus paid the penalty for our sins!! He took care of what ails us on the cross and now we can live free from sin if we so choose!! Why wouldn't we choose life?? Why would we turn from the only remedy that will save us?? In **Deuteronomy 30:19** the Lord says, "I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your offspring may live" I have always found this interesting and even sad that our Lord has to tell us to choose life!

It is a mystery to me especially when, in the next breath, Paul says that the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!! Free!! There were no stipulations when He suffered and died. He did it so we could make the choice!! To live or to die!! Sin is just that serious!! Sin is a killer and in the church today we have compromised and now sin is laughed at!! The church has taken on the character of the world, and we are of no effect!! Shame on us for allowing Satan to infiltrate our minds and tell us that we don't have to worry about the Lord because he is all about love...well He is LOVE! Perfect love. But He is also RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY!!

What a price Jesus paid if sin is no big deal!! Why would He suffer the way He did if sin did not make a difference?? We as the church must get into His Word and find out for ourselves what the TRUTH is!! Jesus talks about sin and the overcoming of it all through the Gospels!

Since the beginning when man sinned in the Garden of Eden, we have been dealing with sin! In **Genesis 4** when Cain was contemplating killing Abel, the Lord spoke to him saying "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you refuse to do what is right, SIN is crouching at your door! Its desire is for you!! YOU MUST MASTER IT.

The remedy for sin is JESUS CHRIST!! There is no other!! There is NO OTHER WAY TO LIVE ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM!! The world may tell you there are other ways!! Do not believe it!! Satan is lulling us to sleep, and the LORD IS SAYING – WAKE UP!!! Wake up before it is too late!! Reveal this lie to others and then give them the TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF YOUR RISEN LORD!!

Our Lord does not want one to perish, but there will be those who will. His heart must grieve over the decisions His dear ones make but His call never changes, His Word never changes, and He never changes!! He is always warning us that SIN is crouching at our own door, and we MUST master it!! Only through His Holy Spirit power can that be done. Only through accepting Him as Lord of our lives can that happen!! Accept Him as your Lord and Savior today and accept the remedy that he has given for sin – HIS LIFE!! And start living your eternity with Him NOW!

There is no time like the present because there is no guarantee of tomorrow!!

DEAR ONES, CHOOSE LIFE!!