

## YOUR RIGHTS IN CHRIST [PART 2 OF 5]

## THE RIGHT TO DECIDE

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." - Joshua 24:15

To "decide" according to the dictionary, is to make a choice about something, after thinking about it. It is to select a course of action. God has given you a right to decide the trajectory for your life from the different alternatives life offers; He has given you freewill. However, in His kindness He prompts you to decide for life - to decide for Him!

God will not interfere with your right to decide. What you decide can either allow or limit God in your life. Joshua told Israel that they had a decision to make, and it was solely theirs to make. He only told them what his own decision would be.

At salvation, God doesn't turn you into a robot, He only takes away the sin nature and all that goes with it and sanctifies your desires so that your decision making ability can be more accurate and in alignment with His will. Religion sometimes tells you that you have to be the way you are, but God is not like that, He asked Blind Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:51).

Many people think God's will is always against them so they are afraid to say what they want, thinking it will be against God's will. But, have you noticed that God deposited Himself in you, and that makes you desire the same things as He does?

The power to release life or death is in your hands, it is a right you have, so exercise it. Decide the kind of life you want, and write it down. Declare it daily, because your words either release death or life. When you choose God's ways you decide for life and when you choose to go contrary to His ways, you decide in favor of death.

Today, decide for everything that pertains to life and godliness and resist whatever stands as an opposition to you enjoying your rights as a believer.

## SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE Joshua 24:2-21

ADDITIONAL STUDY Proverbs 18:21 Luke 10:41-42 Philippians 4:8

## **PRAYER POINTS**

Ask for wisdom in making decisions and choices that will lead to life; and make bold declarations about what you choose based on the word of God.

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