

The Tree of Life

Overview: God says to choose life or death (Deut 30:19). We choose by eating of the Tree of Life. We do this by speaking words with a wholesome tongue, words of Grace and words which agree that we have been justified (i.e. made righteous) by Jesus Christ.

A. God's will for man's life.

1. In the beginning.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] **very good**.

Gen 1:28 God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

2. At the end.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death**, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:

3. In Heaven.

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence [is] fulness of joy; at thy right hand [there are] pleasures for evermore.

4. Today, on Earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven (**no death in Heaven**).

B. Man's choice of life or death.

1. The Choice.

Acts 10:34 God is no respecter of persons.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both you & thy seed may live:

2. Adam's choice.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: v17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

3. The choice today.

Mar 16:15 he said, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. v16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Act 2:21 It shall come to pass, whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joh 8:31 Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; v32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh 11:26 And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?

4. The Final choice.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:

Matt 11:12 AMPC And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most **ardent zeal and intense exertion**].

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Cor 15:51 AMPC Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). **We shall not all fall asleep [in death]**, but we shall all be changed (transformed)

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then **we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we **ever** be with the Lord.

Rev 21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit **all things**; I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

C. Eating of the Tree of Life.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the **issues of life**.

Mat 12:34 out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

1. The Tree of life.

Gen 3:22-24 3 Adam barred from the Garden, lest he eat of the Tree of Life and live forever.

Rev 22:1,2 The Tree of Life with 12 fruits for the healing of the nations.

Prov 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.

Prov 15:4 Amp A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

2. The Tongue Guides Your Life.

Jm 3:2-10 Your tongue guides your life as a rudder does a ship.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Jam 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a **perfect man, [and] able also to bridle the whole body**.

Jam 3:3 We put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. v4 Behold also the ships, which though [they be] so great, and [are] driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, wherever the governor points.

3. Your tongue is a creative force.

Gen 1:26 You are made in the image and likeness of God.

Rom 4:17 Create what you need by calling things that be not, as though they were.

Jam 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles!

Jam 3:6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Jam 3:7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

Jam 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

4. You eat of the Tree of Life (i.e., live free of death) by your words.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For **by thy words thou shalt be justified**, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Mark 11:23 You have what say; so say what you want. Speak life and not death to yourself.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**.

Rom 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Rom 4:19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And **being fully persuaded that, what God had promised, he was able also to perform**. .