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Just Two Ways To Go!

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Oversimplification (what a word to start a simple article!!) may be as damaging to clarity as lengthy complicated details. As we set forth the following we are aware that many subdivisions of our subject are untouched. However, we hope to impress your minds with the most simple and basic of all choices in life -- the choice between good and evil, right and wrong. There are just two ways to go!

The Infant under normal circumstances, has but two ways to go. He will grow to maturity, become accountable, know good from evil, and be held responsible before God; or he will die, and go to heaven.

Infants do not "inherit sin" - they are not born totally depraved. God considers little ones innocent, "that this day have no knowledge of good or evil" (DEU.1:39). "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father -- the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (EZE.18:19-f). Paul says that death (spiritual) passed upon all men, "for that all have sinned" (ROM.5:12). The safety of the little child is attested by Christ when He said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven" (MAT.19:14).

The Unbelieving Sinner has but two ways to go. He will placack's trust in

Christ, become a follower of the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world;" or he will die, and go to Hell.

He won't be lost because I said so; nor because God wills it (2PE.3:9). He will simply reap the wages of his own sins (ROM.6:23. GAL.6:7). Christ did not come to condemn the world. We impose condemnation upon ourselves by our sins. But Christ came to save (JOH.3:17,5:24). An acceptance of the Christ means obedience to His will (JOH.14:23; MAT.7:21-f; MAR.16:16). We prove our lack of faith when we contend that "faith only" is enough. Consider JAM.2:24; 2TH.1:6-10.

The Faithful In Christ has not lost his free-agency or power of choice. He still has just two ways to go. He will turn his back upon Christ, become lukewarm, depart from God; or he will die, and go to heaven.

Those purchased by the blood of Christ may "deny the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2PE.2:1). Paul warns Christians to "take heed lest ye fall" (1CO.10:12). Christ will "spew out" the luke warm Christian (REV.3:15-16). Clearly, the Christian must choose to continue in Christ -- he is not forced to take this course. We are assured, however, that Christ will never forsake us (ROM.8:35-f). If we labor for Him, heaven will be our home (HEB.4:11).

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Lectures in Killeen - Each Friday in January is a different speaker and topic.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord” (REV.14:13).

The Unfaithful Christian also has two ways to go. He will recognize his wayward plight and turn about; or he will die, and go to Hell.

One who has known the way of truth should realize more than any other that his path is hopeless (2PE.2:20-22). The brittle thread of life is all that stands between him and Hell. Repent or perish; two ways to go!!

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson has improved some but still has limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes, as well as asthma.

Dinah Williams is home but still has very limited mobility.

Don Simmons is home and still struggling with his breathing, he is on oxygen at all times.

John Miller (Dyanne Turner's brother) is undergoing treatment for liver cancer.

Mark Braddock has stage 4 cancer and is not going to seek treatment.

Debbie McMurray has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemo. Her treatments were postponed but expected to begin this past week.

Randall Vanaman is having problems with one of his feet.

David Beckley is having health problems.

Ana Urquhart recently fell and broke her arm and has now tested positive for covid.

Jim & Arlene are ill with covid.

Leta Ebeling is ill with covid.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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