

“The Kingdom of God!”

Part 6: “Why MOST people are outside of God’s kingdom ...”



Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Joshua 24:14-15;
Judges 2:10, 21:25; I Samuel 8:1-7

Introduction: “Therefore, choose LIFE !” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Ephesians 2:19-22: “ ... you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God ...” (vs. 19).

The very purpose of God’s revelation is to reveal the one and only way to receive spiritual life and enter into His eternal kingdom .

Spiritual birth and spiritual life are the gift of God to SOME, and the evidence that you have received that gift is a CHOICE .

The choice to receive the life God offers is made by those who receive His grace through the work of God’s Spirit within them.

There is no assurance and no life without this choice being made.

I. The CHOICE then ... and the result ...

Deuteronomy 30:11-15, 19-20: “I have set before you today life and good , death and evil ” (vs. 15).

The choice God was calling them to make was to live by faith .

Deuteronomy 31:19-21, 24-29: “ ... because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD ...” (vs. 29).

There are none who would make the right choice!!!

I Corinthians 10:1-5: “ ... with most of them God was not pleased” (vs. 5).

A chosen few were filled with God’s Spirit and moved to trust and obey .

II. The CHOICE later ... and the result ...

Joshua 23:14-16: “Just as all the good things ... have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things ... if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God ...” (vss. 15-16).

Joshua 24:14-18: “ Choose this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!” (vs. 15).

It is only the remnant , those who are chosen, called and born again, who will see their hopelessness and come to God by faith .

Judges 2:7-8,10: “And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that He had done for Israel” (vs. 10).

Judges 21:25: “In those days there was no king in Israel ...”

I Samuel 8:4-9: “ ... they have rejected ME from being King over them!” (vs. 7).

I Kings 18:20-39, 19:18: “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed down to Baal ...” (19:18).

III. The CHOICE now ... and the result ...

Romans 1:16-17: “ ... the gospel ... is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew ... and also to the Greek .”

Romans 2:28-29: “But a Jew is one inwardly , and circumcision is a matter of the heart , by the Spirit ” (vs. 29).

Only those Jews were where born again by His Spirit were REAL Jews and part of His chosen people.

Romans 9:6-8, 11:1-8 ... God has a remnant , chosen by grace who WILL make the right choice!!

Romans 10:5-13: “ ... the same Lord is Lord of all ... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved !” (vss. 12-13).

We who believe are “new creations” because we have been born again by the Spirit of God and the evidence is the CHOICE !!

Faith was and is the response of a heart set free by the Spirit to make the right choice, to say “ YES !” to God’s offer of life in Jesus!!!