

## “RIGHT TO CHOOSE!”

The Gospel is to **all men**: *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek,”* Rom. 1:16. This passage is teaching the gospel is for **“everyone!”** The gospel of Christ is designed for the whole world, that is why the great commission was given to the apostles, stating: *“8 But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,”* Acts 1:8.

The gospel was designed for the **“whole earth”** and all people on the face of the earth could choose either to **obey**, or **reject** the call of the gospel: *“28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest,”* Matt. 11:28. That “rest” can only be obtained through Jesus Christ: *“for except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”* Jno. 8:24. Consider also Matt. 10:33-34 *“32 Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”* Also we shall note Jno. 3:16, which was uttered by the Lord himself: *“16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.”* Note the word **“whosoever”** as is mentioned in Jno. 3:16. I do not find restrictions in the world of those who are to be saved and those who are not to be saved – this message goes to all. Now, what one of the **“all”** does with it is a different story.

Peter says, in Acts 10:34-35, *“34 ..... Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is acceptable to him.”* Again there are two words that are emphasized and should be considered carefully, it is the expression, **“every nation!”** This is saying that all people, everywhere, are subject to the gospel of Christ. The idea of an elect, as is conceived by many in the world, is not under consideration when the gospel is to be preached. It goes to everyone!

Now, we come to the point of each person making a choice. One can choose to **“OBEY”** or he can choose to **“DISOBEY!”** Should one choose to **“DISOBEY”** there are consequences to his decision: *“41 Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels,”* Matt. 25:41. The consequences for those determining to **“OBEY,”** is: *“34 Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,”* Matt. 25:34. These two words are **life** and **damnation**, depending upon which you chose.

There were those of the first century that made the right chose: 3,000 on Pentecost, Acts 2:41; Certain Samaritans, Acts 8:12; The Ethiopian Eunuch, Acts 8:37; Cornelius, his near kinsmen and near friends, Acts 10:48; The Philippian jailor, Acts 16:33 and so on with the examples of conversion in the book of acts. Those conversions you read about in the book of Acts all made the decision to become a Christian, Acts 11:26.

Bring this on down to 2016 and made the same argument – there are those who need to make a chose, and become a Christian. To not make a chose is to determine you will not become a Christian. So, as you think about it, one needs to make a decision to be a Christian. No decision is to remain lost! Caa.----

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