

Everything we do, either leads to **life or death**.

The life decisions we make are either based from the human perspective presented by Satan.

Or they're based from divine knowledge as outlined in the context of Scripture.

The source of life is God, this world can only produce death.

Meditations of Advancing believers

1. **Eternal life** is the only thing we will be taking with us to the judgment seat of Christ

a. Our purpose is how we will be presented to the Father:

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus said to him, "I am **the way**, the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:24 (NIV)

At that time Jesus spoke to him and testified that **the Father who sent Me gave Me a command** and I should obey it.

20 And I know that **His command is everlasting life**.

Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Eternal life is the only thing we will be taking with us to the judgment seat of Christ:

Justification gives us an eternal position as a child of God, yet we come spiritually alive but the sin nature is not vanquished or obliterated.

From the believer's human / his natural man's perspective, from his carnal mind perspective, there is no distinction between **human morality** and **the spiritual life**.

But the point that Paul is making in Romans concerning the law, **applies to everyone: Jew and gentile**.

Galatians 3:12-14 (NIV)

20 But **the Scripture says**, **no one is justified by the law**, but the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

21 But before faith came, **we were held captive by the law**, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

22 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Remember, the **ONLY** **justification** was justified previously, by faith in the Christ that was yet to come.

That didn't make them any less a believer!

Paul's point is in way that we the human of **the law** as a believer's **human morality, by the works of the law** is impossible to live God's requirement for the spiritual life.

Romans 7:14 (NIV)

For the law is **spiritual**, but I am **of the flesh**, sold under sin.

The same and only way the spiritual life of the believer can be lived, is first through **his regeneration that's been created by God himself by God** coupled with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

God doesn't want, or is He impressed with human morality!

God wants to not only know from what He did, and not to do, but also to impress us by means of the Holy Spirit in us to do it.

Life resides in God alone, it's in the spirit of God alone!

Jesus as our human example, in His humanity was filled with and led by the Holy Spirit:

John 14:26 (NIV)

At that time Jesus spoke to them and testified that **the Father who sent Me gave Me a command** and I should obey it.

20 And I know that **His command is everlasting life**.

Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

2. **Contrasting the teacher of life with the teacher of death:**

a. The Son of God rebukes the children of Satan:

John 8:12 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, "I am the **light of the world**. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**."

20 The thief does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**.

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 8:12 (NIV)

21 "I have the **light of life**, and I do not walk in darkness, but I have the **light of life**."

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John, Peter and Paul, are **not communicating in** **believers who have not been empowered** by God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to fulfill God's righteous required standard.

He's communicating to believers who have been empowered, who are now able to do what God requires.

But that's only possible through the knowledge of God's prescribed method