

The Tyranny of Choice

America is known as the land of the free with liberty for all. Its very government was built on choice to escape religious oppression and political tyranny. There was the choice to pick one's leaders, not a royal dynasty. There was the choice to own property, as you were able. There was the choice to choose your education or profession. And as it grew richer the opportunity was there to fulfill that dream of choice. There was the choice to choose your religion (or no religion). There was freedom of speech to express oneself religiously or politically. And government had no power to suppress that personal choice.

Governmentally speaking, Choice was a delightful baby in a world of oppression. It allowed for mutual respect of all citizens and coexistence in peace. It provided the incentive to be all that you could be. And in the free market system America became the richest and most powerful country in the world. The gospel and the church flourished here because of this very freedom and became a beacon of light to darker nations.

Choice, however, did not have a birth certificate (its legal documents) stamped with the gospel of Christ (His cleansing blood) or the Word of God. Choice was birthed in the womb of assumption that its citizens would be grounded in morality and virtue.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Adams

"Unless virtue guide us our choice must be wrong." William Penn

"America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." An old adage

"Righteousness exalteth a nation." Proverbs 14:34

Now Choice has grown up and has become a king not a servant. Choice gives a woman the permission to have legal freedom to kill a baby in her womb. Choice grants one the freedom, without being judged, to choose their sexual lifestyle when and with whomever they choose. Choice permits one the liberty to marry the same sex. Choice gives one the right to be a witch or wizard and worship Satan or a plate of spaghetti.

Choice is not a preacher. It does not instruct in absolute morals, ethics or virtue. Choice is conscienceless and sterile. Choice is non judgmental. Choice is not biased. Choice is tolerant. Choice is accepting of all. Choice is kind. Choice is fun. Choice is love.

And now Choice as a master is tyrannical. Choice demands that it be submitted to as the only way and truth. To criticize another's choice as sin is sin against Choice. To claim there is only 'one way' is to deny Choice's one way – blasphemy. To choose to refuse another's choice (no matter how void of morals or truth) in your business or school or even a church's legal functions such as marriage is becoming a criminal act and could be called a felony – worthy of punishment. To not make your restrooms open to Choice is discrimination. To not grant Choice every area of your life and government is looked at

as insubjection and insurrection. Choice now wields the sword – bow or be punished. Choice judges those who judge her.

Choice decrees the judging of evil is more wrong than the doing of evil. Choice will not tolerate what doesn't tolerate her. Choice will not accept what doesn't accept her. Choice will absolutely censure what absolutely claims absolutes. Choice will not be kind to those who are not kind to her. Choice will not love those who don't love her. Choice will not let others choose who don't choose her. Choice denies only "one God" – but her. Choice is now god. Therefore, Choice will wage war against her atheists. Choice will choose what you're free to say. Choice has chosen to enslave her subjects.

The Gospel and the Church.

1 Peter 2:4 says of the Lord Jesus, He is "*disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God*".

The gospel of God in His Son Jesus Christ the Lord is offered equally to all sinners. It doesn't consider color, sexual gender, age, class, country, lifestyle or religious pedigree. Any sinner who repents of his or her sin (wrong choices) and confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (who fully bore our sins in death and rose again as eternal Priest) is equally blessed. They are saved from sin, self, and Satan (deceptions via choice). They will never see hell-judgment but have eternal life being equally in the body of Christ.

A sinner is not forced to do this. He has a choice. But if he chooses to freely come to Jesus as Lord, then Christ and not Choice will be his Lord. "*Not my will, but thine, be done*", like his Savior, will be his new thinking. This is because he is born again of the Spirit with a new heart that now desires and is able to understand God's choices. The gospel teaches and provides that true virtue and morality must come from within. The believer is to show he agrees with God's choice that Jesus is Lord by public baptism.

But beware of Master Choice trying to regain control of the mind and God's church. Choice will tell you that "grace" still allows you to choose. Choice will tell you that choosing to obey the Lord Jesus' commands is legalism, not love. Choice will tell you that your choices are more logical than God's choices. Choice *won't* tell you that God's choices free you from sin to be all that you can be for His glory. Choice *won't* tell you that in being a slave to God you will be free from master sin that frees you from true joy and spiritual heart satisfaction.

Choice will tell you to go to the church of your choice. Choice will let you choose what you like: your style of "worship", music or church government. Choice will promise you liberty. And in time, Choice will liberate you and your children – from the wisdom of God and a spirituality that emits from the church functioning by the Lord's choices. (A plurality of gifted men involved in a church meeting, the man's headship over the woman, the centrality of the Lord's Supper in keeping us focused on Christ, and holiness by the purging of sin and bad doctrine that can spread like yeast in the Christian church).

Choice will free you – from God's growth, joy and rewards. Christ will bless you.

{Some Scriptures for The Gospel and the Church section. **1. Paragraph #2** – Acts 17:30, 31 / Romans 5:9, 10 & 10:9-13 / Gal. 3:28. **2. Paragraph #3** – Rev. 22:17 / Luke 22:42 / Rom. 8:4 / Acts 10:48 / John 3:3-7. **3. Paragraph #4** – Rom. 6 / John 14:15 **4. Paragraph #5** – 1Cor. 5 & 11-14 **5. Paragraph #6** – Rev. 3:10 / Eph. 1:3 / Psalm 1.}