

Don't Forget Verse Six!

Let's be frank and honest in the Light of Jesus Christ! To take Deut 30:15-20 SERIOUSLY, now, can only mean for us to see Jesus choosing Life for us and on behalf of all humanity! I mean, really, what sinner could honestly believe that they could indeed choose Life versus death? Doesn't any choice for a sinner mean, by definition, a choice that can only be made with some sin from the sinner included in that choice? And doesn't every sin mean some type of death and falling short of the glory of the Triune God (Rom. 3:9-20, 23)? And isn't death and falling short exactly what happens to us no matter our best attempts at choosing Life? (Heb. 9:27)

Who will obey and observe the commandments of the Lord for us (v.16)? What Man will keep our hearts from idolatry and being led astray (v.17)? Which Human will keep us from perishing and premature death (v.18)? What Person will choose Life for us before the witness of all creation (v.19)? What Creature will love, obey and hold fast to the Lord so that we might live in the land the Lord swore to give us(v.20)?

Jesus, the Son of God as Man will do so (and has *already* done so! - Matt 5:17). That is why I entitled this short article "Don't Forget Verse Six!" Deut 30:6! Yes , BEFORE the Lord poses the questions and imperatives, He already supplies the Answer and indicatives! Before asking us "to DO," the Lord states that He graciously "will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you [all of you] will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live."

Aahhhh...so *that's* the circumcision the Triune God is speaking of when he says "As in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be made alive"(1 Cor 15:22)! Thank you, Jesus, for keeping us from unnecessary striving, Father, Son and Spirit!

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