



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

The Meaning of Free Will

At creation, God gave Adam and all humanity free will. What is free will? God endowed humanity with a will that is free to decide. We can choose independently of God's desire for us to be his child accepting his ways. Adam lived in a finished work created by God. He could do whatever he wanted except eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:15-17, NKJV). God gave this exception to Adam to protect him from death. The decision not to obey the exception carried a consequence, which was death to our fleshly bodies rather than living in them forever. All decisions have a consequence. We can choose what we will do, but we cannot choose our consequence. Both Adam and Eve ate the fruit and suffered the consequence of their free will decision (Genesis 3:6-19). All humanity inherited that consequence. Each of us has opportunities to choose between life and death daily. God tells us to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). Instead, we refuse to come to God for an abundant life, thus choosing not to open the door on which Jesus knocks and enjoying a relationship with him (John 5:40). Revelation 3:20). We are free to walk with Jesus or make our own plan, disregarding the direction in which God wants us to go (Matthew 4:19). Our choice is free, but we will experience the consequence of our decision (Galatians 6:7). Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, sweat drops of blood. As a man, he asked

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God to remove the suffering and death he came to take. Quickly, he refused his free will and accepted God's will (Matthew 26:39). Some decide it is too hard or too risky to trust their will to God, thus rejecting the power of the Holy Spirit to bring regeneration (John 1:12-13, John 15:16). Anyone rejecting Jesus has accepted eternal death (Romans 1:20-21). I pray that all will believe in Jesus, accepting him as their Savior (John 17:20-21).
Shalom!!

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