

JESUS CHRIST: PREEMINENT IN OUR DECISION MAKING

To Make Good (Godly) Decisions, We Must Give Jesus Christ His Rightful Place

- The Pre-eminence - in Every Aspect of Our Lives - Col 1:18

WHEN CHRIST IS PRE-EMINENT, WE WILL LET HIS WORD LEAD - Col 3:16; Lk 24:27,44

- The Word of Christ is the revealed word of God - II Tim 3:16,17

...we make room for the word of Christ with a non-selective readiness to believe and to obey

- One way is to read the Scriptures - II Tim 2:15

...regularly ...receptively ...realistically ...responsively

- Question #1: What is God's Word on this?

WHEN CHRIST IS PRE-EMINENT, WE WILL LET HIS PEACE RULE - Col 3:15

- The Peace of Christ is for those who will live under the authority of God - Jo 14:27

...it is not circum-stantial, but inner-stantial

- The Peace of Christ serves as an inner referee or arbiter

...a subjective, but accurate indicator of being in step with Christ

- Question #2: Do I have the Peace of Christ on this?

WHEN CHRIST IS PRE-EMINENT, WE WILL LET HIS NAME BE OUR STANDARD - Col 3:17

- The Name of Christ is compatible only with the life of Christ

...we are Christ referential, not self referential

- Question #3: Is this so consistent with the nature of Christ that I can stamp His name all over this choice, without apology or embarrassment?

WHEN CHRIST IS PRE-EMINENT, HIS LOVE IS OUR MOTIVATION - Col 3:14; II Cor 5:14

- The Love of Christ compels us to love God and others with our choice - Matt 22:36-40

- Question #4: Can I love God and others by this choice without any rationalization?

VIEW THE FOUR QUESTIONS AS "TRAFFIC LIGHTS":

...if all lights are "green" = proceed with a humble trust

...if one or more is "yellow" = wait (pray, counsel)

...if any one is "red" = stop and consider another route