

"WE CANNOT BE WITHOUT LIFE"
DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20

INTRO: As we come to the end of our study on **"WHAT WE CANNOT BE WITHOUT,"** we are going to look at a subject that may seem to be rather obvious. In fact, some of you may even wonder why we are even considering this topic. **WHAT IS THE TOPIC?** Today we are going to note that **WE CANNOT BE WITHOUT LIFE**. Certainly that is VERY OBVIOUS, but it is **SO OBVIOUS** that we may even **NEGLECT THINKING ABOUT IT** as we go about our days. According to our scripture text, **LIFE IS SO IMPORTANT THAT GOD TELLS US TO CHOOSE LIFE**, and by doing so, **experience a blessing**. According to our text, CHOOSING LIFE says a lot about US and even relates to how GOD responds to us. So, let's take a look at the fact that **WE CANNOT BE WITHOUT LIFE and WHY THAT IS SO SIGNIFICANT**.

BACKGROUND OF THE TEXT

In the context of this passage in chapter 28, Moses reminded Israel of the **blessings of God** that would be upon them if they obeyed Him as well as the **cursing of God** that would be upon them if they disobeyed Him. In chapter 29 the PALISTINIAN COVENANT is given, which repeats a lot of the MOSAIC COVENANT that was given 40 years earlier before they had wandered in the wilderness. In chapter 30, Moses is telling Israel what God will do for them if they obey them while in the LAND OF PROMISE. **A major part of their OBEDIENCE hinged on the concept of CHOOSING LIFE** as seen in 30:19,20. If Israel chose life they would **1) Live a good life, 2) Love the Lord, 3) Obey the Lord, 4) Cleave to the Lord, and be 5) Be blessed in the Land**. There are lessons from that PALISTINIAN COVENANT that you and I should learn and obey today and THEY ARE ALL CENTERED AROUND **CHOOSING LIFE!** Thus, **WE CANNOT BE WITHOUT LIFE!**

I. CHOOSE PHYSICAL LIFE

CHOOSE TO RESPECT, SUPPORT AND PROMOTE PHYSICAL LIFE

- A. God Created Physical Life - Genesis 2:7
 - 1. God Crafted man from the Dust of the Ground
 - 2. God Breathed into man His own breath
 - 3. God Made man a Living Soul
- B. God Forms Physical Life - Psalm 139:13-18
 - Everything that we are is the way God made us in the womb.
- C. God Sustains Physical Life -Acts 17:28
 - Our very being depends upon God
- D. God Ends Physical Life - 1 Samuel 2:6
 - God has an appointed time of death for us all - Hebrews 9:27

WITHOUT PHYSICAL LIFE THERE IS NO HONORING GOD

II. CHOOSE SPIRITUAL LIFE

CHOOSE TO RECEIVE SPIRITUAL LIFE BY BEING MADE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE IN JESUS CHRIST

- A. The Absence of Spiritual Life
 - Due to **IMPUTED** and **TRANSMITTED** sin, we are all born without spiritual life - Ephesians 2:1
 - 1. We are Alienated from the Life of God - Ephesians 4:18
 - 2. We are Without Christ - Ephesians 2:12
 - 3. We are Destitute of the Holy Spirit - John 14:17
- B. The Acceptance of Spiritual Life
 - Received at the moment of trusting Christ as Savior - John 20:31

WITHOUT SPIRITUAL LIFE THERE IS NO SALVATION

III. CHOOSE ETERNAL LIFE

CHOOSE TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE BY FAITH IN CHRIST

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPIRITUAL LIFE AND ETERNAL LIFE?

- Spiritual Life is **that which we receive by being Born Again**.
- Eternal Life is the **life of God we received at the point of salvation**.
- A. Eternal Life is the Life of God - John 17:3
 - Eternal life is more than life that never ends. That is more accurately EVERLASTING LIFE. Eternal Life speaks of the quality of life...THE LIFE OF GOD.
- B. Eternal Life is received by Trusting Christ as Savior - John 3:15
- C. Eternal Life is the Divine Nature in each Believer - 2 Peter 1:3,4

WITHOUT ETERNAL LIFE THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

IV. CHOOSE ABUNDANT LIFE

CHOOSE TO HAVE A LIFE THAT IS WORTH LIVING

- A. Abundant Life is Received by Christ in Us -Colossians 1:27
- B. Abundant Life is Experienced through Surrendering to Christ
-Philippians 3:7-14

WITHOUT ABUNDANT LIFE THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL VICTORY

LESSON/APPLICATION

It is obvious that we CANNOT BE WITHOUT LIFE! But the fullness of life, that comes through knowing the Lord, is missed by so many who have physical life. So consider the following:

- Be Certain of having spiritual and eternal life through faith in Christ
- Be Certain of having abundant life surrendering to Christ