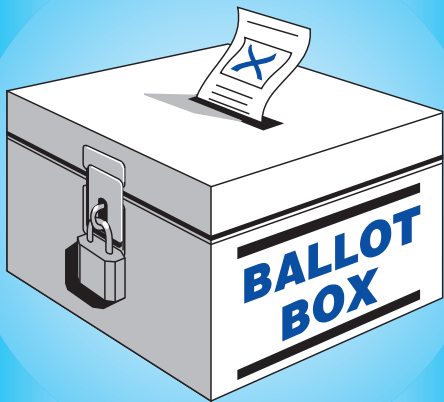


The Great **ELECTION DAY**



How will you vote?

Soon it will be election day again with the usual campaign speeches, promises, tension and anticipation. Who will be the winner?

Important Choice – Then

That was the big question almost 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. What crowds and excitement! The people had to make a choice that was far more significant than any political election – the results would have eternal consequences.

The custom was for Pilate, governor of Palestine, to release one Jewish prisoner each year. He took the vote that day for those in favor of Jesus Christ and those in favor of Barabbas. Barabbas had been convicted of murder, while Jesus was compassionate, meeting the needs of many people. Amazingly, the people chose Barabbas over Jesus. They shouted, “Let Him (Jesus) be crucified!” They insisted that Barabbas be set free (Matthew 27:21-23).

Their minds were made up, so Pilate did as they requested. Barabbas was set free and Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross on Calvary’s hill just outside of Jerusalem.

Important Choice – Now

A very bad choice! God has not forgotten that terrible deed – the murder of His own, beloved Son. A day is coming when each person will have to stand before God and give account of what he has done with His Son – not only those who murdered Him, but everyone who has lived since then.

What is your choice? Will you receive Him or reject Him? You can’t say, “I’m neutral; I’m neither for nor against.” Governor Pilate tried that and it didn’t work; and it won’t work for you, me or anyone else.

Some people think that if Jesus Christ were here today He would get better treatment. But most people are more interested in pleasure, money, fame and even some religion. There is little interest in God or His Son Jesus Christ, why He was crucified or God’s requirements for getting to heaven.

Isn’t it foolish to vote against God? What if you were to die tonight? Where would your undying soul go?

There are only two destinations: heaven and hell. And there is only one way to heaven: “Jesus said ... ‘I am the way’” (John

14:6). “There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Our sins, whether few or many, separate us from God. But God gave His Son to die for us and make us acceptable to Him. “The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). We must repent – confess that we are sinners – and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. Then we are assured of our destination being heaven!

Important Choice – For You

Now is the time to make the right choice – a choice that has eternal consequences! “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3). – *Anonymous*

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