"Choose for Yourselves this Day"
Joshua 24:14,15

Introduction:
A. Joshua's words in farewell speech.
   1. Reminds of past idolatry on other side of River (Euphrates - vs. 2)
   2. Reminds them of Abraham's call on "other side of River" (v. 2)
   3. Reminds of Egyptian bondage and deliverance. (v. 5ff.)
   4. Reminds of possession of Canaan. (v. 11ff cf. ch. 21:43-45)
B. Joshua's words present some implications about man and decision.

Discussion:
I. Decision Is A Basic Right Of Man
   A. God does not ask impossible - Israel could choose. (v. 22; Cf. Deut. 30:19)
   B. God does not punish for matters of no choice. Fall of Adam and Eve brought death.
   C. God does not taut with condition impossible to meet. (Mk. 16:15,16; Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17.
   D. "Theology", not God, robs man of choice: Calvinism.

II. Decision Is A Basic Responsibility Of Man
   A. Decisions should reflect investigation. (cf. Acts 17:11; Eph. 6:13,14 - "having done all to stand"
      1. Irresponsible to decide without studying issue.
      2. Irresponsible to decide on mere sentiment or emotions.
   B. Decisions preferred to no decision. (cf. B. Bryants statement;1 Kgs. 18:21; Rev. 3:15,16)
      1. Indecision may reflect ignorance - Time for study, but a time for decision.
      2. Indecision may reflect Cowardice or laziness.
      3. Indecision may reflect indifference.
      4. Indecision may decide to remain neutral, but let it be a decision not a cop out.
      5. Indecision may be more dangerous than wrong decision.

III. Decision Is A Basic Recurrence For Man. (cf. "This day"
   A. Each Lord's Day must decide - Worship God or serve self, family, etc.
   B. Each Wednesday night or gospel meeting - Serve self or God.
   C. Each Pay Day - Spend all on other things or give some to the Lord.
   D. Each day - Conduct life as Christian should or as world dictates.

Conclusion:
A. Let us recognize our options - Many wrong ways (gods), one right way ("the Lord")
B. Let us recognize our decisions may involve others. - "Me and my house"
C. Let us recognize our decisions can be of eternal importance - get facts.
D. Let us recognize that the time for decision must come - no decision is wrong decision.