

# Choices

(adapted from GraceChurch Sermon Series: [Who Is this Man?](#) )

Think about the choices you make every day. How often do you consider how your choices affect your life as well as the lives of others?

## Parable of the Vineyard

Jesus often told parables to make His points. Read [Mark 12:1-12](#).

- In what way is God like the owner in the parable?
- If God is the owner, the vineyard is His Kingdom. How is the nation of Israel like the vinedressers (husbandmen)?
- How are the servants in the parable like the prophets who gave warnings to Israel? What choice did the vinedressers make about the servants?
- If God is the owner in the parable, Jesus is the Son. What choices did the vinedressers make about the Son?  
[Psa 118:22-23](#), [Mark 11:27-31](#),
- The others in the parable are like Christ-followers. If you are a Christ-follower how are you like the others?  
[Acts 28:28](#), [Gal 3:28](#), [Gal 4:7](#)

## Consider Your Choices

Eternal Choice	Daily Choices
Benefit of Accepting Christ: Ultimate Inheritance, but not yet fully realized: eternal life, share in God's Kingdom	Benefit of Daily Following Christ: enjoy some of the fruit, get a taste of what is to come: peace, contentment, joy
Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Believe in Jesus as God and the only way to heaven. <a href="#">John 3:36</a></li><li>• Confess your sins, leave them behind. Follow Him. <a href="#">Rom 10:9-14</a>, <a href="#">1John 1:9</a></li></ul>	Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do things the way Jesus tells you to do them. <a href="#">John 8:12</a>, <a href="#">Mat 16:24</a></li><li>• Help others find Jesus and grow closer to Him (be outward-focused). <a href="#">Mat 28:19-20</a></li></ul>
Consequence of not meeting conditions: eternal death and separation from God. <a href="#">John 14:6</a>	Consequence of not meeting conditions: no peace, no current blessings. <a href="#">John 8:34</a>

## Application Exercise: Evaluate Your Choices

- Have you chosen Christ as your Lord and Savior? Are you looking forward to the consequences of your choice?
- If you are a Christ-follower, do you choose to listen to Him and do what He says? How do you keep Him as your top priority?

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