

Second Tree of Choice, Continued

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I. Introduction.

A. God's salvation has two sides—one must receive the forgiveness of sin for freedom from the penalty of sin but he or she must also receive power over sin by being born again.

B. The Devil deceives us by only getting people to reach out for forgiveness of sins.

C. God does not only have the death of Christ for us—he has the life of Christ for our salvation.

II. The first tree of choice is the tree of knowledge of good and evil—the second tree is the cross. (Acts 5:29, 10:39, 13:29, 1 Peter 2:24)

III. Trying to live the Christian life will end in failure.

IV. God gives the believer power over sin. (Ephesians 1)

A. The good pleasure of God's will is redemption through his blood. We were slaves of sin bought by Jesus.

1. The good pleasure of God's will is that he gave his only Son.

2. We are reconciled by Jesus death so that we can be saved by Jesus' life. (Romans 5:10)

B. The mystery of God's will.

Application questions:

1. What are the trees of choice?

2. What does it look like to embrace the second tree of choice?

3. The speaker says that the death of Christ reconciles but it does not save. He cites Romans 5:10 to show that the life of Christ saves. Do you agree? Explain.
