

A Chance to Choose

“Do you want vanilla or vanilla?” One choice is really no choice at all, is it? I once asked an acquaintance if she would be taking her small children to church. She said “no,” that she would let them make up their own minds about God when they were old enough. But her position wasn’t neutral, like she meant it to sound. In providing her kids no education about God, she had in fact done exactly what she said she wouldn’t; she had decided the question for them by offering them only one choice.

It’s impossible to make a wise decision based on incomplete information, and yet that’s what so many people are doing, whether they know it or not. They’re deciding (or failing to decide) the most important question of their lives – their response to God – in partial or total ignorance. The world, which we’re unavoidably exposed to every day, especially through all kinds of media, gives us mostly one-sided information, feeding us a steady diet of just one flavor: secular humanism (the erroneous philosophy that God, if he exists, is irrelevant because human wisdom and morality are all we need). But who is there to tell us the truth – that there is a very real and relevant God, our loving creator and sustainer – if God is excluded from most every venue and our parents don’t teach us? Who will tell us about Jesus?

*...the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And **how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?** And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:12-15, emphasis added)*

Telling someone about the salvation found in Jesus is *not* an imposition; it is to offer them the chance to **choose life** instead of death (Deut. 30:19). Don’t your kids, your grandkids, your friends and neighbors deserve that chance? Don’t you? If you don’t know the good news of Jesus, prayerfully seek it out at a local, Bible-believing church, from a Christian friend, or directly from the Bible’s New Testament. If you do know it, be those “beautiful feet” that bring the life-saving message to someone else. I lost track of that acquaintance I mentioned before, but I pray God sent someone special to share the good news of Jesus with her and her family.

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