

# Choose Christ!

## RELATIVISM IN THE MODERN WORLD

*Anything goes!* This seems to be the slogan of our world today - whatever you want to believe, however you want to live. All lifestyles and life choices are acceptable and all hold equal weight.

This slogan of the modern world is not the way of a disciple of Jesus. Our way is the one who is “The Way, the Truth and the Life (Mt 13:6).” Blessed John Paul II explained in *Veritatis splendor 2*, “No one can escape from the fundamental questions: *What must I do? How do I distinguish good from evil?* The answer is only possible thanks to the splendour of the truth which shines forth deep within the human spirit, as the Psalmist bears witness: “There are many who say: ‘O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!’” (Ps 4:6). If we look more closely at the modern world and its ways, they are not necessarily all good. All lifestyles and life choices are not always in line with God’s will of what is best for each individual. For example, lying or cheating to get ahead at school or work, peer pressure to be part of the in-crowd by ridiculing and bullying others, or peers or society that promote abortion as pro-choice yet denies the choice of the unborn to their fundamental right to life. This is not the way of Jesus. We must remember all ways are not equal, all lifestyles and choices are not the same. Jesus is Our God, Lord, Savior, and The Way. Our faith lived in practice is living the way of Jesus. He is The Way, he shows the way to the fullness of our lives by God’s truth, God’s plan for our holiness and God’s grace to make lifestyle and life choices according to the Gospel of Jesus.

In celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, the Church sought to be relevant in the modern age and a guiding light for all nations. As Jesus told his disciples, each one of us, “I have chosen you” (Jn 15:16). Jesus has chosen us. In turn, we are called to choose Jesus. This should be evident by how we live our lives and by every choice we make. We choose Christ every time we do good, care for another, pray for those in need, love as Jesus loves.

Jesus calls us not to follow unreservedly the way of the world that accepts all ways and life choices as equal. Jesus calls us to follow his way, to imitate his life, to live our lives by his Gospel of truth and love. One of the documents of Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes 22*, states, “By suffering for us He (Jesus) not only provided us with an example for our imitation, He blazed a trail, and if we follow it, life and death are made holy and take on a new meaning. The Christian man, conformed to the likeness of that Son Who is the firstborn of many brothers, received “the first-fruits of the Spirit” (Rom. 8:23) by which he becomes capable of discharging the new law of love.” Jesus is the model of our lives – we choose to imitate him. Choose Christ above all other choices.

**Q. Do we see life through the lens of faith?**

**Q. Do our daily choices express our faith and love for Jesus?**

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