

Life Only Comes Through Jesus

John 5:25-29 ²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

❖ Introduction

➤ Getting to Know Jesus Better

- Our Goal and Objective... I hope it is helping

➤ Recap: Jesus Offers Life

- Jesus went to where the sick were
- 1) Jesus in His Relationship with the Man
- 2) The Man in His Relationship with Jesus
- 3) Jesus as He relates to the Father
 - He puts in a big claim...
 - He is able to do all that the Father can
 - He is able to see all the Father does
 - He is to be honored in the same way that the Father is honored...
- 4) Us as We relate to this man and to God

➤ To understand the Relationship between Jesus and the Father, and God with Us...

- You need to have a Trinitarian View of the Godhead...
- You at least need to know and understand what the Bible does say about the diety (Being God)
 - Of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **If you do not, much of this gets confusing...**
 - It is completely Ok to struggle with putting together the puzzles of this doctrine...
 - Because our God is big, and complex and we are unable to wrap our minds around such a being
 - But, it is important to believe Him when He tells us something about Himself...
- **If you would like to know some more, and know where some verses are that explain these truths**
 - Just let me know after the service and I will put them together for you

➤ Transition into these verses:

- ²² **The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**
- **Vs 22 We see that God the Father has given all judgment to the Son...**
 - We will see why in just a minute
- **Vs 23 We see that the Father's Desire is to honor the Son just as they honor the Father...**
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- **Vs 24 We ended with this verse last week...**
 - **Whoever hears my word...**
 - ◆ This is the Word of God.... Which we have the privilege to hear every week and every day
 - ◆ Jesus was on the earth speaking His Word at this time...
 - ◆ And we have been blessed that God had it written down for us...
 - ◆ And we all have a copy of God's Word here today...

- OH WHAT a privilege.... Oh the blood that was spilled for us to have it..
- **And believes Him who sent me...**
 - ◆ **Do you hear that?**
 - **Believes Him who sent me...** Didn't He just say Hears **MY** Word
 - So, why does He say... And believe Him who sent me
 - ◆ **Because: They are the same...**
 - Look at what He tells Philip when Philip asked to see the Father...
 - **John 14:8-9**⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
 - He continues
 - **John 14:10**¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- **Has eternal Life**
 - ◆ What do we gain for simply believing... (which entails that we also FOLLOW)
 - You can never divorce believing from following...
 - Following is always present with those who believe
 - ◆ Believers in His Word.... Gain eternal life...
- **He does not come into judgment**
 - ◆ Believers will not come into the judgment Jesus is speaking of here...
 - ◆ Believers will not be judged because of their sins...
 - The Believer will be rewarded for the good things He has done...
 - And He will not be rewarded for the things He has not done...
- **But HAS passed from death to life**
 - ◆ Has... that means... that believing instantly passes the person from death to life...
 - And all true Christians can testify to the validity of this statement...
- **So, now we make our way into the Next part of what Jesus is Saying...**
 - He has just assured those who believe that they will gain eternal life...
 - And He is about to continue on this topic of: Judgment and Death and Life

❖ Truly, Truly

- The Double Amen... Meaning that what Jesus is About to say is very important
- We see Jesus using this to begin an important point 25 x in the book of John

❖ Jesus is Continuing His Claims of Being God

- **Just notice that Jesus is continuing to speak of Himself as equal with God throughout this section**
 - And as we know, this was the main charge brought against Jesus when He was wrongly tried...
 - The Jewish leaders thought He was being blasphemous
 - **John 10:33**³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."
- **Why is it so important that Jesus is God**
 - Our Life Depends on it...
 - Our Salvation depends on it...
 - All our Hope of overcoming death and gaining eternal life Hinges on the nature of Jesus

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❖ An Hour is Coming

➤ **Application: Anyone have a Father who cared enough about them to discipline them?**

- Man I remember... When I did something wrong...
- If I ever came home with anything less than a B
- I knew I was going to get it...
- I would be in my room, and we had these floors that were hard...
- And my Dad wore cowboy boots (which may be why I never liked wearing them)
- And I knew before that night was up, I would get a whipping...
- And when I heard those boots coming down the hall... I knew my time had come...

➤ **An Hour Coming and is Now here...**

- Before we get into what He means by this... lets look at what is going to Happen
- The Dead will Hear the Voice of God, and Those Who Hear Will Live....
 - So this is really good Stuff... You don't see it yet... but it is so good...
- **SO:**
 - There are some Dead people.... They are Dead...
 - The Voice of God will be spoken...
 - And Those Dead People who Hear it
 - They Will Live...
 - ◆ We will come back to this ...

➤ **An Hour Coming and is now here**

➤ **What does He mean by this...? It's coming and is now Here?**

- There are a number of things He could be implying, but there is one thing in particular...
- Jesus is saying SO much here... it is hard to get your head around it all....
- 1) A Coming Hour (I will speak of this a little more in detail later...)
 - There is coming a time... it is in the future... Where the dead will hear His voice and live
- 2) It is now here
 - Jesus is already doing this now... it was already happening...

➤ **What will Happen during this hour**

- Remember, the dead will hear His voice and will live... What does this mean...?
- **1) Some would say of the present hour he is speaking of that:**
 - Jesus is speaking of the three people we know He raised from the dead
 - The little girl, the boy and Lazarus
- **2) Some believe that this coming hour was fulfilled:**
 - When the Saints rose at the death and resurrection of Jesus...
 - If you remember people saw Spirits rising from the dead...
- **More Likely: Jesus is speaking spiritually here...**
 - All of those other things were true...
 - but when it seems like Jesus is being vague, or almost giving us a riddle...
 - He is almost always speaking of something less obvious and more Spiritual
- **Jesus is telling us that He is speaking the Word of God to bring life to people's souls**
 - And people's dead spiritual lives are being made alive...
 - It is happening now, it will continue...
 - Many had been resurrected from death in sin to a life of Righteousness by Jesus...
 - ◆ Colossians 1:13¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

◆ Romans 6:13¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

▪ **The emphasis here...**

- Is on those who hear him... those who believe in Him...
- He is speaking here of only those who will live...

➤ **Summary:**

- Jesus is saying this time is already here, will continue, and will one day be complete
- And that through His Word, all who Hear, will pass from Spiritual Death to Spiritual Life...

➤ **So.. We now see why this is possible... Jesus explains...**

- He starts his next sentence with For..... as if this thought is an extension of what He just said...

²⁶ **For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**

❖ **All Life comes from God**

- So... here we see why it is possible for Jesus to make the dead live

➤ **All Life Originates from God...**

- The Father has life in himself...

➤ **The Son is Subject to the Father...**

- So we see the wording here... The Father has granted the Son also to have life in Himself...
- The Son has throughout eternity been the Son....
- Although He is equal with the Father...
 - We see in Phil 2, He did not hold onto that... Rather HE has humbled Himself...
 - Especially by becoming a man...

➤ **In the Beginning God said... Let there be...**

- And there was.... The Universe, the Earth, the Water, the Animals, the Plant life, and then Humans
- Were created by the Word of God being spoken...
- God spoke and there was life...

➤ **In the same way the Son has life in Himself**

- He can speak, and the spiritually dead are given Life...
- They no longer walk in darkness, but can walk in the light of Truth...

➤ **So, the reason We gain life from Jesus...**

- Is because He has life in himself...
- It is this life that made it possible for Him to raise Himself from the grave...
 - John 1:4 "In Him was life"
 - John 10:18¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

➤ **Jesus continues His thoughts on this whole subject of Life and Death and Judgment**

- And... He says.... And...
- Not only do I have life in me... But also... I am the Judge...

²⁷ **And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.**

❖ **Judgment Belongs To Jesus Because He is the Son of Man**

- **The Father has given Jesus the authority to execute judgment....**

- The Father has given this role to the Son...
- So, it is Jesus who makes the decision as to who is judged and who is not...
 - And he gives us the reason why
- **Because He is the Son of Man...**
 - **Jesus is saying, that it is because of His becoming a man, that He will be the judge...**
 - This makes great sense to me... Think about this....
 - Lets look in the Bible at Rev 5
 - **Rev. 5 We see there is a scroll that needs to be opened...**
 - **It has seven seals on it... We know that in it there is judgment...**
 - ◆ And this same author John is there... And heaven is looking for someone to open it...
 - ◆ And they look all over heaven, and there is no one to open it...
 - **And John begins to WEEP.... It doesn't say cry, but weep... b/c there was no one to open it...**
 - ◆ It was sad because this scroll being opened is the beginning of setting all things right...
 - **Then an elder in heaven comes to John and says**
 - ◆ **Revelation 5:5 "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."**
 - **And then John looks and sees b/w the throne and the Elders (men)**
 - ◆ **Rev. 5.6 "I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,"**
 - **Then all of heaven Rejoices.... And they explain why in their song**
 - ◆ **Revelation 5:9-10⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**
 - ◆ If this doesn't excite you, You are dead...
- **Jesus is fit to judge because:**
 - He became one of us
 - He can look us in the eye...
 - He can say... I have been there before... I have been tempted
 - I have been persecuted... I understand what you are going through..
 - I suffered... and I suffered for You...
 - And I offered You free Salvation....
 - I made You... and then I humbled myself for you....
 - I made a covenant b/w me and you of Grace...
 - That I would be gracious to You...
 - So, I Offered up myself for you...
 - I took your sin on me... I suffered the wrath of God, on your behalf...
 - And All you have to do is to trust in me...
- **The Same Jesus who would give salvation to all who believe...**
 - Is the same Jesus that will EXECUTE Judgment on those who do not...
 - **Acts 17:31³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."**

²⁸ Do not marvel at this,

❖ Do Not Marvel at This!

- Do not be surprised... Do not be amazed... You should know this, You should understand this...

for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out,

❖ An Hour is Coming

➤ There is coming a Day of Judgment...

- Now this hour is a little different than the one we were looking at before...

➤ **When All who are in the Tombs will Hear His Voice and Come Out**

- **All...** He says **All** here...
 - Jesus is saying.... He will speak, and will call forth every person that ever lived out of the grave
- **Tombs just means death...**
 - People are held in heaven with God or in a temporary place of suffering
 - And... I'm not going to go into the difference b/w our body and our soul...
 - ◆ And the truth about God resurrecting our bodies as well...
 - ◆ He has a purpose for these bodies, and He will make them new,
 - ◆ in the same way Jesus dead body was transformed from death to Life
 - That is for another day...
- **He will call ALL...**
 - Micheal Jackson
 - Steve Jobs
 - Muhammed
 - George Washington
 - Whitney Houston
 - Heath Ledger
 - Marilyn Monroe
 - John Kennedy
 - Your Loved Ones...
 - My Loved Ones...
- **Every person who ever lived Falls under His authority**
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- **And HE is calling them to one of two fates**

those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

❖ The Judgment

➤ **Those who have done good**

- A Resurrection of Life (this is good)

➤ **Those who have done evil**

- A Resurrection of judgment

➤ **You could take forever to explain this, but let me do this simply...**

➤ **1) We have all done evil... Right?**

- Every person on this earth has done evil...
- Not only have you done evil, but you did it on purpose...
- And... You did it knowing that it was evil...
 - You may said it was just a little bad... or a little lie...
 - But... that would be called evil...
 - Opposite of Good... is Evil...

➤ **2) Who has done Good...**

- Well that is tricky right? By Human standards a lot of people have done good...

- But in God's eyes, that is not the case...
- Only those who have trusted in Jesus have done good in the eyes of God... let me explain...
- John 15:4-6 ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- **Apart from Me You can do nothing...**
 - Jesus is simply stating that doing good, must be done through Him...
 - That knowing Jesus is the basis for all good
- **Those who have done good.... Look back at verse 24**
 - Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

❖ Application

- Do you understand the importance of Jesus being the Son of God equal to the Father
- Have you heard the voice of God and been brought to life
- Will you after you die be raised again
- Have you ignored the voice of God and not heard by believing...
- Have You never been a part of the vine and been able to do good...
- Have you done evil and are currently looking at eternal judgment