

Life-giver and Judge

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I. John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

- ❖ This “judgment” in the Greek comprehends making decisions for or against; and passing sentence that includes reward or punishment
 - **Acts 10:42** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
 - Illustrate by using a judge and jury as a type: the jury’s conclusion represents a person’s life being a testimony for or against them, and the judge being a type of Christ who makes a decision based on that about whether the judgment will be in your favor or against you.

II. John 5:23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

- ❖ There are a lot of people in the world who acknowledge and have a kind of respect for the God of the Hebrews, but will not acknowledge nor have equal respect for Jesus the Christ
 - **Php. 2:9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- ❖ Anyone who does not honor Christ does not honor God, even if they think they do.
 - Illustrate how seeming to honor God while dishonoring Christ is contradictory: I have a big stick in my hands. I want to respect your head, but I am going to beat you. So, I beat everything but your head. Have I honored your head...really? Even though I make a distinction between your head and the rest of your body, did I do your head any honor by not hitting it with the stick?

III. John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- ❖ This is one of the few scripture passages that explains that everlasting life comes by HEARING the words of Christ and believing ON God.
- ❖ What is this believing on God? 1Jn. 5:9-12 - If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath

testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, **that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** 12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

IV. John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

❖ **Heb. 1:1-2** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,** whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

- This statement fits all kinds of dead people; physically dead (the ruler of the synagogue's daughter - **Mark 5:41**; the widow's son - **Luke 7:14**; Lazarus - **John 11:43**), the spiritually dead (**Eph. 2:1**; **Col. 3:13**)
- It only takes hearing the voice of Christ to bring life
- Read **Acts 9:3-7** and **Acts 22:9** to explain what Christ means here. Apply this to the preached word being heard by everybody in the auditorium, but is one person hears that preached word addressed to their heart as coming from Christ; then apply to multitudes reading the bible, out of which one person "hears" the voice of Christ speaking to them with power from the Word.

V. John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

- ❖ This statement was made by Jesus so that men might know that the Son of Man who stood before them had sovereign power within Himself, and was not a reduced or subdued subordinate God. The one feature possessed by God as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is the power to create life...to give life.
- **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
- Illustrate: You have a bucket of water. You take a little in a glass and drink it and you can verify that it quenches your thirst. Now, pick up the bucket and pour some of that water into another bucket, take a little in a glass and drink it. Notice that it is the same water with the same properties...just in a different bucket. Such is the divinity and power of God the Father and the Son.

VI. John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he

is the Son of man.

- ❖ This may be one of the deepest statements from Christ in the bible. It is deep because of the implications of the phrase, “because he is the Son of man.” This statement is about the very purpose of God in coming to live among us.

VII. John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

- ❖ This will be the outcome of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ being both Immortal and Omniscient God and also human - He has authority among creation.
 - At the time pointed to here, EVERYBODY will be brought forth from death to some kind of resurrection.