

## John 5:25-30

Looking back at the narrative of the man that was healed at the pool at Bethesda there is no mention of him looking for Jesus or having ever heard of Jesus. There is no mention of him being saved or receiving spiritual healing. There is no mention of him giving thanks to Jesus for healing him. When we hear of this level of unthankfulness our reaction is one of disbelief and possibly disgust. Spiritual healing is superior to physical healing and how little we give thanks to God for spiritual healing by raising us from death to life.

### Verse 25

We are all spiritually dead in sin and trespasses. Those who dead in sin and hear the voice of the Son of God and believe in Him will live. The sheep hear the Shepherds voice, and He gives them eternal life (John 10:27-30). There will be a physical resurrection of everyone on the Last Day, but those who are born again have been spiritually resurrected in Christ already. Just as it was impossible for death to hold Jesus in the grave (Acts 2:24), it is impossible for the elect of God not to be raised unto spiritual life as it is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead that raises us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

- **Romans 6:3-5** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have become <sup>[a]</sup>united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be <sup>[b]</sup>in the likeness of His resurrection,
- **Ephesians 2:5-6** even when we were dead <sup>[a]</sup>in our transgressions, made us alive together <sup>[b]</sup>with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and <sup>[c]</sup>the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

### Verse 26

This verse speaks to the aseity of God. He has life in Himself as He is before all things and the creator of all things. He is the self-existent God that has no beginning of end. He is true being. He is life and He is the only One who can give eternal life as a gift freely and sovereignly as He desires.

### Verse 27

The Father has given the authority to execute judgement to the Son because He is the Son of Man. The title Son of Man is the title that Jesus used the most in describing Himself. This title is one of power, authority, and dominion. The only One who ascended to Heaven is the One who descended which is the Son of Man (Jesus). After Jesus descended to earth in the incarnation and was resurrected, He ascended to Heaven to Ancient of Days to rule and reign in all power and authority and to execute judgment.

- **John 3:13** No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.
- **Daniel 7:13-14** "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. <sup>14</sup> "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and <sup>[a]</sup>a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* <sup>[b]</sup>language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

### Verse 28

**On the Last Day those who are dead in the tombs will be physically raised either to eternal life or eternal damnation.**

- **Daniel 12:1-2** "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting <sup>[a]</sup>contempt.

## Christ's bodily resurrection gives us assurance as believers that we will have a bodily resurrection.

- **1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- **Romans 6:5** For if we have become <sup>[a]</sup>united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be <sup>[b]</sup>*in the likeness* of His resurrection
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **1 Corinthians 15:20-26**
- **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**

### **Verse 29**

These verses do not teach works salvation or our righteousness meriting entrance into the kingdom of God. Those who have been resurrected spiritually are those who have been appointed unto good works (**Ephesians 2:10**) and the fruit of their new life is evident. We are not saved by works but are saved unto good works. Those who do evil are those who are not spiritually raised with Christ and are in darkness.

- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- **John 3:21** But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
- **James 2:14-20** <sup>4</sup>What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can <sup>[a]</sup>that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, <sup>[b]</sup>be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? <sup>17</sup>Even so faith, if it has no works, is <sup>[c]</sup>dead, *being* by itself.<sup>18</sup> But someone <sup>[d]</sup>may *well* say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." <sup>19</sup>You believe that <sup>[e]</sup>God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. <sup>20</sup>But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?
- **John 3:19-20** This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.
- **Revelation 20:11-15** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose <sup>[a]</sup>presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and <sup>[b]</sup>books were opened; and another <sup>[c]</sup>book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the <sup>[d]</sup>books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, *every one of them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup>Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup>And if <sup>[k]</sup>anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

### **Verse 30**

Jesus has claimed His equality with God because He is God. God is triune. God is one being(ontological), three divine persons(economical). However, Jesus' judgment was just because it was linked to doing the will of the Father.

*Those who have been born again have had a spiritual resurrection by the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and will one day be resurrected bodily with Him by that same power to eternal life. The resurrection of Christ is our living hope!*