

John 5:28-29
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Subject: The resurrection of the dead

Theme: Our actions in life will determine Christ's actions in Judgment.

Proposition: When you stand before the Judgment seat, and you will stand there one day, what will be your defense?

I. THOSE WHO HEAR AND MAKE A CHOICE TO LIVE 25-29a

II. THOSE WHO HEAR AND HAVE TO LIVE WITH THEIR CHOICE 29b

Next week, Nov. 3, 2013, we will Fall back to "Normal time." – whatever that is.

TOWN WONDERING "WHICH" TIME IT IS New Salem North Dakota (AP) Rome News Tribune, Friday Jan. 30, 1987. "RESIDENTS ARE WONDERING IF ANYBODY HERE REALLY KNOWS WHAT TIME IT IS. The city learned recently that it has been running behind its time for almost 30 years. Searching for outdated ordinances, officials found one dated June 1957 that mandated Central Time as New Salem's official time. However, the city has been running on Mountain Time. "We couldn't go ahead with it" recalled Lawrence Thiele, a city councilman 30 years ago. "The farmers were so against it. They really stormed it. The present city council has asked residents what they think. The straw poll will not be binding.

I want to talk to you about two hours this morning.

Well, I **don't mean that I want to speak for 120 minutes**, what I mean is I want to talk to you about the **two hours found in Jn. 5:25-29. These two hours are not 120 minutes but in reality are more like 3,000 years! (3000 x 525,600 min in year = 1,576,800,000 minutes – does that sound like a large number of minutes? Let's think of it in terms we can comprehend – in 2013, American taxpayers will pay \$1,138,873,373 per day in interest on the national debt.)**

We need to back up a few verses to get our context clear. **READ Jn. 5:21-24 Comment on 21-24, then read 25-29.**

Joh 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

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

Joh 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.

Joh 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.

WE LOOKED LAST WEEK AT TWO ASPECTS OF THAT WHICH JESUS CAME TO DO –

- 1. TO GIVE LIFE**
- 2. TO JUDGE**

There is salvation in no other name given under heaven for there is no other name given under heaven that has life to give and judgment to render. **For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: - Incredible statement! God will not judge – because Jesus will be the judge of all of mankind. This is no carpenter's son – He is the Son of God, John 5:25, to give life who came as the Son of man John 5:27 to execute judgment.**

Joh 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.

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

Joh 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the **Son of man**.

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

Joh 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.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE GIVER OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HE IS THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH.

We mentioned **2 hours** in this passage,

- 1. one hour has extended for almost 2000 years,**
- 2. the other is yet a thousand years hence.**

But **both are on God's timetable** and as surely as there is predictability in the number of micro seconds it takes our earth to turn around on its axis, so too are the hours of God ticking off.

Toyota recalls 885,000 vehicles to fix water leak risk 10/17/2013

DB Nov. 21, 81. "The problem of **costly auto recalls** may have prompted **Dr. Betsy Anker-Johnson**, a **Christian physicist** with a high position in **General Motors** to place this **sign** on her office door: **ONE MAKER ULTIMATELY RECALLS ALL HIS PRODUCTS**. What a thought-provoking statement! Everyone is scheduled for a meeting with his Maker. But there are some striking differences between God's recall and that of the automobile companies when their vehicles are found to have mechanical weaknesses. Let's consider them briefly.

First, a defective car reflects negatively upon the manufacturer. But the blame for our defective nature rests upon our first parents who sinned, even though they were created sinless and placed in a perfect environment.

Second, an auto will last only a few years, even after a problem has been corrected. **Human beings, however, will live forever in their resurrection bodies.**

Third, cars are machines that are treated alike, whereas people are moral creatures and **will be divided eternally into two distinct classes.**

The **saved** will share in the "resurrection of life" and the **lost** will participate in the "resurrection of damnation." **John 5:29....."**

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There are at least 8 well defined judgments presented by the Word of God:
THERE IS THE JUDGEMENT...

1. OF THE CROSS
2. OF SELF
3. OF BELIEVERS
4. OF BELIEVERS WORKS
5. OF ISRAEL
6. OF THE NATIONS
7. OF THE ANGELS
8. OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

1. **OF THE CROSS** "Sin has been judged by Christ as substitute for all on behalf of whom He died. The believer has been in court, condemned, sentenced and **executed in the person of his Substitute**.
Jn. 5:24 and **Romans 5:9-10**.

Joh 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.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

2. OF SELF **I Corinthians 11:31-32** "FOR IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." See also **I Jn.1:9**. Confession is self judgement, (Confess = HOMOLOGEO = TO SAY THE SAME THING) agreeing with God that our actions are sinful.

3. OF BELIEVERS When we fail to confess and forsake our sin, we then fall under the **chastening** hand of the Lord. In extreme cases, removal of the believer from this life is necessary. Cf. **Jn. 15:2** & **I Cor. 11:30** & **I Jn. 5:16**. The central passage is found in Heb. 12:3-15. "despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." He does so for our own profit that "we might be partakers of His holiness."

3. **OF THE BELIEVERS WORKS** According to **II Corinthians 5:10**

" For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in His body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

This is the BEMA or Judgment seat of Christ. This occurs in spite of the assurances given in John 5:24 that the child of God should not come into judgment. Even though sin and our sins have been judged at Calvary and will not be brought up again, at the BEMA our works and our service must be judged. This distinction is made clear in

I Cor. 3:9-15 "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: BUT HE HIMSELF SHALL BE SAVED; yet so as by fire."

Romans 14:10 exhorts us not to judge our brothers, for " we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." **It is our QUALITY of life that is in view here and not our sins.**

5. OF ISRAEL See **Ezekiel 20:33-44**

6. OF THE NATIONS "At the close of the tribulation and at the time when the nations will have taken sides, as they must do during the tribulation, for or against Israel, the Semetic question will be the problem of those days. ALL NATIONS THEN LIVING AND IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN THEIR RELATION TO ISRAEL, WILL BE JUDGED. **Matthew 25:31-46**. (Notice the sharp differences in this account and the account of the Great White Throne Judgment of **Revelation 20:5 ff**. They are separated by the 1000 year reign of Christ.)

7. OF ANGELS **I Cor. 15:24-26**; **I Cor.6:3**; **II Peter 2:4**; **Jude 1:6**; **Rev. 20:10**.

8. OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE. Revelation 20:11-15... SEE BELOW

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1. For those who have **been saved and had their sins judged at the Cross**, there is the judgment to determine reward.
2. But for **those who reject** the savior in this life, there awaits only the terrors of an eternity in Hell! **THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION!** (Time frame will be after the tribulation between the destruction of the old earth and the creation of the new heavens and earth.) Those who hope for a compassionate God who will save them even though they rejected His Son, will be in for a horrible disappointment. **If it were possible for God to save even one apart from their cleansing in the Blood of the Lamb, then He could save all without the necessity of Christ's atoning death and the Cross becomes the greatest blunder of the universe.**

Thot: All who do not hearken to the "come" of salvation will one day hear the "depart" of damnation."

Christ gives life to whom He will, 21, **and v. 24** tells us that to those who **HEAR His word and subsequently BELIEVE** on the Father, these are the ones whom **He will GIVE LIFE TO**, and in the **giving of life**, there is also an **escape from the judgment** that is to come.

"and those who have heard [with the result that they have believed] shall live" All the dead hear but not all give ear. The first hearing is with the ear, the second is with the **spiritual ear, ergo = faith.**

I. THOSE WHO HEAR AND CHOOSE TO LIVE.

Death in the word of God as it refers to **men never refers to ANNIHILATION but always to SEPARATION**. When we die, we are separated from our bodies. If we do not know God, we will be eternally separated from Him. This is **the second death**. Rev. 20:14-15

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Those who **do not know the savior** in the world today, are, for all purposes, **dead see 3:18**. **But to those who are dead, just as to the man who was an invalid, Christ says that if they will but HEAR and BELIEVE they can have LIFE. Just as in the case of the invalid, when Christ commands, He enables.** See Also Eph. 2:5 "Even when we were Dead in trespasses and sins, God has made us alive together with Christ (by grace are you saved)

The hour has lasted 2000 years thus far and still there are those who hear and believe.

John 5:26. God breathed life into Adam and He has given to His Son to have life in Himself and to impart this life unto others. Word of God is God- breathed, inspiration **II Tim. 3:16** THEOS & PNEUO literally *Divinely Breathed*. And it is that which is able to impart life to dead men today as it is used of the Holy Spirit to convict the hearts of men.

ROMANS 10:14-17 - How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Rom 10:17 **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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27. JUDGMENT.. Son of Man.

"The Lord is called both Son of God and **Son of Man**. The title *Son of God* is a reminder to us that the Lord Jesus is one of the Members of the holy Trinity, one of the Persons of the Godhead. As Son of God, He is equal with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, and as Son of God, He gives life. But He is also **the Son of Man**. He came into this world as a Man, lived here among men, and died on the cross as a Substitute for men and women. He was rejected and crucified when He came into the world as a Man. When He comes again, He will come to judge His enemies and to be honored in this same world where He was once so cruelly treated. Because He is both God and Man, He is perfectly qualified to be Judge." BBC

Heb. 4;14 High priest - Son of Man. Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast *our* profession.

28. Marvel not at the Idea that Christ can give life, but rather in the idea that **He will Judge all those who ever lived.**

If you were to be facing a jury of your peers who held in their hands your fate, whether you would go free or spend your life in prison separated from your family and all that is good, you would lie awake at night building an airtight defense. You would leave no avenue untried to demonstrate that you should go free. Every waking moment would be dedicated to discovering new ways to sway the jury. But all that is at stake in this case is how you would spend the remainder of your days on this earth. **But so few ever give a thought what they will say to the JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH on the day when they stand before Him! Make no mistake, ALL WILL STAND BEFORE THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH.!**

28 Hour is coming when all shall hear His voice, AND RESPOND!

This time not responding to receive life but to enter the eternal state. Some will enter the resurrection of life, others the resurrection of damnation.

Some will come forth to the RESURRECTION OF LIFE

DB May 17, 77 (Edited) Instead of the usual names like "Memorial Park" or "fair view Gardens" there is a cemetery in Michigan called "**Resurrection Cemetery**." This is an appropriate title for as our passage today tells us. "**All those who are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth.**"

"The word used by first century believers for a burial plot also meant "a barracks." This suggests that just as soldiers retire to their quarters at night and are awakened by reveille in the morning, so all "who sleep in Jesus" await the trumpet sound of that glorious daybreak. Their bodies will come forth and be united with their souls and they will be forever with the Lord!

CONCLUSION:

DB March 24, 84. "*Several years ago we were intrigued* by a television advertisement for life insurance. It's about a businessman who thinks that he was

almost hit by a car. Somewhat ruffled, he says, "**WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE. I DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO MAKE IT.**" Suddenly two men in white suits join him on the busy street and one of them replies, "**YOU DIDN'T!**" The three then engage in some light talk as they begin walking together. The businessman then remarks that at least he has peace of mind because he knows that his family is covered by insurance.

Then they all mysteriously walk through some solid objects to show that they are now existing in a **NEW DIMENSION**. The real **punch line comes in the last line of the ad, however, as the man and his two escorts are riding an escalator up into the clouds.** It is then that you hear him say with relief. "**I'M SURE GLAD WERE GOING UP!**"

That last line was to provide some comic relief, but for the thoughtful person it raises the serious issue of heaven and hell. It reminds us of Jesus words in **Jn. 5:29** that not all people are "going up." ***READ 5:28-29****

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8. OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE. **Revelation 20:11-15**... TURN HERE.*

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books were opened: and another book** was opened, **which is the book of life:** and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the **books**, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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If you have not put your trust in Jesus, why not do so today? Then you can say with confidence, "I'M SURE GLAD I'M GOING UP!"

CONDITIONS of SALVATION: **V. 24** "he that heareth my word and believeth" and in **25** "they that hear, shall live." "THE HOUR NOW IS!" **v. 25.**

Article 20 from the GARBC articles of faith. From 10/24/2013

XX. The Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that

only those who are justified by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost in the lake of fire. *Malachi 3:18; Genesis 18:23; Romans 6:17, 18; 1 John 5:19; Romans 7:6; 6:23; Proverbs 14:32; Luke 16:25; Matthew 25:34–41; John 8:21; Revelation 20:14, 15.*