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A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **George Bernard Shaw**

had it right

when he observed,

**“The statistics on death are quite
impressive:
one out of one people die.”**

- You would think that everyone would be
prepared for judgment.

- Yet many push it
out of their minds and
focus on worldly things.

- Jesus is replying to the Jews, who accused Him not only of breaking the Sabbath, but also of claiming to be equal with God (**John 5:19**).
- Jesus does not back off.
- He intensified His claims to be God.

- He claims to be equal with God in:
 - His nature (5:17-18),
 - His works (5:17, 19),
 - His love and knowledge (5:20),
 - His sovereign power (5:21),
 - In judgment (5:22),
 - In worship (5:23).
- Jesus is clearly claiming to be God!

- Jesus continues to hammer home **His amazing claims.**

- **In John 5:24,**
He asserts that there are **two categories of people:**

- **# 1** Those who have **eternal life**

- And those who are **# 2 spiritually dead**
and
under judgment.

- Jesus claims that in the future He will raise from the dead everyone who has ever lived and judge them for all eternity.
(**John 5:27-30**)
 - Since death and judgment are absolutely certain, this text should scream at us.

- Since Jesus can impart eternal life
- And since He will judge all people,
(**John 5:27**)
- We need to make sure that we are right with God.

- Why does He tell them **that they will marvel** and then turn around and tell them **not to marvel?**
- **V. 20** **Marvel** that a lame man has been healed
 - **V. 28** “**Marvel not**”
- **A greater work than healing.**
 - The Father has given Me **authority to execute judgment.**

- **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,**

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.

- There are only **two groups of people:**
- Those who are **spiritually dead**
- and those who are **spiritually alive.**
(**John 5:24**).

- Let us note what makes the difference.
 - **John 5:24:**
***“Truly, truly, I say to you,
he who hears My word,
and believes Him who sent Me,
has eternal life,
and does not come into judgment,
but has passed out of death into life.”***
 - Since Jesus
is eternal
the life He offers
is eternal.

- What distinguishes these two groups?
- The difference is that those who have eternal life have heard and believed and obeyed.
- Whereas those who are spiritually dead have not.

- **John 5:39**

**“*Search the Scriptures*
because you think
that in them
you have eternal life;
• *and it is they that*
*bear witness about me,***

- Jesus had said the purpose of his words was "**that you may be saved.**"
- "I am not looking for any **glory** from man."
 - "I am not arguing like this because I want to win an **argument.**
 - It is because I love you **and want to save you.**"
- Remember, the people of Samaria saw Jesus as "**Savior of the world**".

- Jesus says:
***"if another comes in his own name,
him you will receive."***
(John 5:43)
- The Jews had their succession of **impostors claiming to be the Messiah** and every one had his following.
- **Why** do men follow impostors?
 - Because they tickle **itching ears.**
(2 Timothy 4:3)

- The impostors came promising empires and victory and material prosperity;
 - Jesus came offering a Cross.
 - The impostor offers the easy way;
 - The impostors perished
 - Christ lives on.

- They read the scriptures with a shut mind.
 - They read it not to search for God
 - But to find arguments to support their own positions.
 - 2 Peter 3:16
The unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

- They did not really love God;
- They loved their own ideas.
- They used scripture to defend their theology.
 - That is still a real danger today.

- Here is the tragedy of the Jewish leaders:
- They had the Scriptures, read them, studied them, memorized them,
- And yet missed the person to whom they point!

- Most of the sermons of Peter and Paul in Acts use fulfilled prophecy as an evidence of Jesus' Messiahship.

- Jesus adds that those who have eternal life also believe “*Him who sent Me.*”
(**John 5:24**)
- It is not possible to believe what the Father says and to turn away from the Son.

- **John 5:21**

***Just as the Father
raises the dead
and gives them life,
so also the Son
gives life to those
he chooses.***

- Sounds like Jesus
is sovereignty
in the matter of salvation.

- This is what theologians refer to as **the doctrine of election.**
 - Saved **because** God chose you to be saved.
- Is that what **John** is saying?
 - **Yes & No.**

- **2 Thessalonians 2:14**

*Whereunto he called you
by our gospel,...*

- Must one **answer** that call?

- What about **Demas**?

- **2 Timothy 4:10**

*For Demas hath forsaken me,
having loved this present world,*

- Did God make a **mistake**
with Demas?

- **Shucks, Demas got away!**

- **Comes not into judgment ...**
(John 5:24)

This is the secret
of how eternal life
is made available
to human beings.

- **This is the clue**
to perfection and holiness.

- **Which qualifies**
sinful creatures
to eternal life.

- If people should come into judgment in their own names, standing in their righteousness alone, pleading their own worthiness,
- None would be able to stand.
- Every person who ever lived will fail in such a judgment.
 - But, Christians have a divine promise:
”**Shall not come into CONDEMNATION.**”

- **John 5:24**

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that hears my word, and
believes on him that sent
me, has everlasting life, and
shall not come into
condemnation;
but is passed
from death unto life.*

- Where there is no condemnation **there is no sin!**

- **Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- How can this be?
- Will not God judge of all men?
 - Yes, of course;
 - Those who believe
- And are baptized into Christ,
 - And continue to be
“faithful unto death”
(**Revelation 2:10**)

- **But has passed out of death
into life ...**
(John 5:24)

- **Apart** from Christ,
the entire race of men
is in a state of
utmost condemnation.

- **John 8:24**

***“Unless you believe that
I AM,
you will die in your sins.”***

- **2 Thessalonians 1:7**

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them **that know not God, and that obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1:9 Who shall be punished **with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

- On the other hand, eternal life is available to all in Christ.
- *And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*
(**Revelation 22:17**)
- Thus, the soul that receives Jesus Christ as Lord passes out of death into life.

- The “dead” regard not anything.
- They are unaffected by the cares, pleasures, amusements of the world.
- They hear neither the voice of merriment nor the tread of the living over their graves.

- So it is with sinners.
- They are unmoved with the things of religion.
- They hear not the voice of God;
 - They see not his grace;
- They care not for his warnings.

- Jude 1:10

But these people attack with insults anything they do not understand; and those things that they know by instinct, like wild animals, are the very things that destroy them.

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- **John 5:24**

***“The one who hears my word
and who believes ...
has eternal life,
and does not come into judgment,
but has passed
from death into life.”***

(LEB)

- **NOT**

”Will pass”

- “Might pass”

- **BUT**

”has passed”

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- **“To change places”**
(Strong’s Greek Definitions)

- Life is of many levels.
- There is the sponge,
 - The oyster,
 - The worm.
 - The dog & cat.
 - But, only man
passes from
death to life.

- Notice the **smallness** of the conditions, and the **magnificence** of the offer.
- The promise of eternal life **is available to all that obey.**
 - **Without** absolute perfection and holiness on our part.

- We pass from:
 - A death of UNBELIEF to a life of FAITH.
- From a death of FALSEHOOD to a life of TRUTH.
 - From a death of SIN to a life of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - From a death of MISERY to a life of BLESSEDNESS.

- We have been adopted.
 - We are family.
 - Romans 8:15-16 ESV
- 15 ... you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry,
“Abba! Father!”
- 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

• **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual
blessings in heavenly *places*
in Christ:

1:4 According as he hath chosen us
in him before the foundation of the
world, that we should be
holy and without blame before him
in love:

- Note the following:

- “In Christ”

- 78 Times

- “In Him”

- 70 Times

- **Ephesians 1:5**

Having predestinated us
unto the adoption of children
by Jesus Christ to himself, according
to the good pleasure
of his will,

1:6 To the praise of the glory of his
grace, wherein he has
made us accepted
in the beloved.

- Ephesians 1:7

In whom
we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
according to the
riches of his grace;

• **John 5:24**

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- ***He that hears my word,***
- ***and believes on him
that sent me,***
- ***Has everlasting life,***
- ***and shall not come into
condemnation;***
- ***but is passed from
death unto life.***

- Let's take a brief glimpse at the life of the Apostle Paul and notice his dilemma.

- **Romans 7:19**

*For I do not do
the good I want,*

- *but I do the very evil
I do not want!*

- Do we not all
fight that battle.

- **Romans 7:24**

Wretched man that I am!

Who will rescue me

from

this body of death?

- **Romans 7:25**

Thanks be to God

through Jesus Christ

our Lord!

- **John 5:24**

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He that hears my word,
and believes on him
that sent me,***

- ***has everlasting life,***
- ***and shall not come into
condemnation;***
- ***but is passed from
death unto life.***

- **Philippians 1:21**

***For to me to live
is Christ***

and to die is gain.

- ***Paul believed
the words of Jesus:***

- The question now
is:

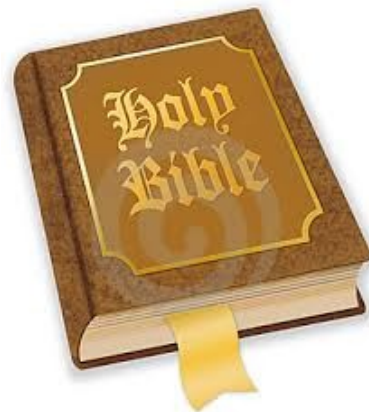
- Do you
believe it?

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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