

John 5:28-38

28-29. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **ALL who are in the GRAVES** will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to **the RESURRECTION of LIFE**, and those who have done evil, to **the resurrection of CONDEMNATION**.

- **Revelation 20:11-15** "Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the _____, small and great, standing before _____, and books were opened. And _____ book was _____, which is the Book of Life. And the _____ were _____ according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [bodies] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____."

Definition: "ALL WHO are in the GRAVES" - This is different than John 5:25 which says "the DEAD will hear His voice." Verse 25 is speaking of those who are ALIVE PHYSICALLY, but are SPIRITUALLY DEAD. Now, He is talking about **those who are PHYSICALLY DEAD** and their bodies are in the grave. The Bible sometimes refers to death as being "asleep," but **it is NEVER a SOUL SLEEP**. Only **the physical BODY is "asleep"** and waiting to be AWAKENED at the resurrection. The SOULS of the people have already gone on either to be with God, if they were saved, or for the UNSAVED, to await the JUDGMENT and be thrown into hell.

- **Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18** (Verse 14) "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring [the souls from heaven] with Him [of] those who _____ in Jesus." (Verses 16-17) "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the _____ in _____ will rise first. Then _____ who are alive and remain shall be _____ up together with them in the _____ to meet the _____ in the air. And thus we shall _____ be with the Lord."
- **Daniel 12:1b-2** "....and at that time your people, _____ who is found _____ in the _____, will be rescued. And many of those who _____ in the dust of the _____ will _____, these to _____ life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting _____."

Definition: "THOSE WHO HAVE DONE GOOD" - Wait a minute! I thought salvation was by **GRACE through FAITH**, and NOT of WORKS? **What is "GOOD" in the sight of God**, and what is it that **we MUST DO to be SAVED** and have a part in the RESURRECTION to LIFE? The only "good work" that we can do to obtain salvation is **the "work" of BELIEVING in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord**.

- **Acts 16:30-31** "And he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what _____ I _____ to be _____? So they said, '_____ on the Lord _____, and you will be _____, you and your household.'"
- **John 6:28-29** "Then they said to Him, '_____ shall we _____, that we may _____ the _____ of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the _____ of (that is pleasing to) God, that you _____ in _____ whom He _____.'"

- **Romans 16:25-26** "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my _____ and the preaching of _____, according to the _____ of the _____ which was kept _____ since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made _____ to all nations, according to the _____ of the everlasting God, for _____ to the _____."
- **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the _____ of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your conscience from _____ works to _____ the living God?"
- **Romans 8:8** "So then, those who are _____ the _____ CANNOT _____ God."

Definition: "CANNOT PLEASE GOD" and "DEAD WORKS" - These two are basically the same: **DEAD WORKS** are **religious works** or **good deeds** done **in the power of the FLESH**, and a person who is **operating in their FLESH**, and not in FAITH and the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, **CANNOT DO ANYTHING** that will be **pleasing to God**. This applies BOTH to those who are **not born again** (therefore they are "of the flesh" only), and to those Christians who do so-called good deeds with carnal and selfish motives.

Definition: "The RESURRECTION of LIFE" - There are **TWO RESURRECTIONS, one for BELIEVERS (the righteous) and the other for NON-BELIEVERS**. The Resurrection for Believers takes place at several different times. The Old Testament saints such as Moses, Abraham, Elijah, and of course many whose names we do not know, were raised immediately following Jesus's own resurrection (see Matthew 27:51-53). The next phase will be for the Body of Christ. Those who have died believing in Christ will be resurrected, and the living Believers will be changed, at the "Rapture" (See I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:50-54). This will happen immediately BEFORE the seven years of Great Tribulation. The next phase will be the Tribulation Believers (see Rev. 20:4-5), immediately AFTER the seven years of Great Tribulation and BEFORE the thousand year reign of Christ. Believers must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ after this resurrection, in order to be judged on their works. The judgment for Believers, however, is one of whether they will receive rewards or not. **The Believer's judgment for sin has already fallen on Jesus Christ**, and Jesus has already taken our punishment.

- **II Corinthians 5:10** "For we must all appear before the _____ seat of _____, that each one may receive [rewards or judgment for] the things _____ in the _____, according to what he has _____, whether _____ or _____."
- **Read I Corinthians 3:11-15** (Verses 14-15) "If anyone's _____ which he has built on it endures, he will receive a _____. If anyone's _____ is burned, he will suffer loss; but he _____ will be _____, yet **so as through fire.**"

Definition: "The RESURRECTION of CONDEMNATION" - This will take place immediately after the thousand years are over (Rev. 20:5) and is **for unbelievers only**. They will then be judged on the basis of their works and their **works will NOT be enough to save them**. Because they have REJECTED CHRIST and His atonement, they must bear their own punishment for their sins, and will be thrown into the lake of fire (also called "The Second Death" - see Rev. 20:12-14, 21:8). The Antichrist and his false prophet are the first ones to be thrown in the Lake of Fire, and they are the only ones thrown into it BEFORE the Millennium (see Rev. 19:20). Interesting note: **they are still there AFTER the 1,000 years** are finished. They are NOT consumed in the fire, but are still conscious!

- **Revelation 20:6** "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first _____. Over such the second _____ has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a _____ years."
- **Matthew 16:27** "For the _____ of _____ will come in the glory of His Father with His _____, and then He will _____ each according to his _____."
- **Revelation 20:10** "And the _____, who deceived them, was _____ into the _____ of _____ and brimstone where the _____ and the _____ prophet _____. And they will be _____ day and night _____ and ever."

30. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, **I judge; and My judgment is righteous,** because **I do NOT seek My OWN WILL but the WILL of the Father** who sent Me.

- **John 8:16** "And yet if I do _____, My _____ is _____; for I am not alone, but I am with the _____ who sent me."
- **John 6:38** "For I have come down from _____, not to do My _____ will, but the _____ of _____ who sent Me. This is the _____ of the _____ who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."
- **Psalms 40:7-8** "Then I said, 'Behold, I _____; in the scroll of the Book it is written of Me (Jesus). I _____ to _____ Your _____, O My God, and Your law is within My heart.'"

31-35. If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. **There is another who bears WITNESS of Me,** and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were **willing for a time to rejoice in his LIGHT.**

- **John 1:7-8** "This man came for a _____, to bear _____ of the _____, that all through Him might believe. He (John the Baptist) was _____ that _____, but was sent to bear witness of that _____."

Definition: "You were willing for a time to rejoice in HIS LIGHT" - The only "light" that John the Baptist had to shine was the REFLECTED LIGHT of Jesus. Just as the moon only reflects the light of the sun, and has no light of its own, we are also to REFLECT the light of Jesus to others.

- **Matthew 5:16** "Let your _____ so _____ before _____, that they may _____ your good works (Jesus working in you) and _____ your _____ in heaven."
- **I John 2:6** "He who says he _____ in Him (in Jesus) ought _____ also to walk _____ as He _____."

36-37. But I have a **greater WITNESS than John's;** for **the WORKS which the Father has given Me to FINISH**-the very works that I do-bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And **the Father Himself, who sent Me, has TESTIFIED of Me. You have neither heard His voice** at any time, nor seen His form.

- **John 10:25 & 37-38** "Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you do _____ believe. The _____ that I do in My Father's name, they bear _____ of Me.'" (Verses 37-38) "If I do not do the _____ of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, _____ the _____, that you may know and believe that the _____ is _____ Me, and _____ in _____."

- **John 17:3-4** "And this is eternal life, that they may _____ You, the only _____, and Jesus Christ whom You have _____. I have glorified You on the earth. I have _____ the _____ which You have _____ Me to do."
- **John 1:15** "John bore _____ of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is _____ before me.'"
- **John 1:34** "And I have seen and _____ that this is the Son of God."

Definition: "The FATHER Himself, who sent Me, has TESTIFIED of ME" - God the Father testified that Jesus was His "beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," and the many miracles that Jesus did were also a testimony (PROOF) of the fact that He was sent from God the Father.

- **Matthew 3:17** "And suddenly a _____ came from _____, saying, 'This is My beloved _____, in whom I am well _____.'"
- **John 8:18-19** "I am One who bears _____ of Myself, and the _____ who _____ Me bears _____ of Me. Then they said to Him, 'Where is Your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had _____ Me, you would have known My _____ also.'"

38. But you do **NOT** have **His WORD ABIDING in you**, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

- **I John 2:14b** ".....I have written to you, young men, because you are _____, and the _____ of God _____ in you, and you have _____ the wicked one."
- **John 8:37** "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My _____ has no _____ in you."

Definition: "His WORD ABIDING in you" - No, the Pharisees and Jewish leaders did **NOT** have God's word living and ABIDING in them. However, this is something WE are supposed to have as Believers. To have **God's word ABIDING in you** means much more than just reading your Bible once in a while, or listening to it being preached on Sundays. To have it ABIDING means **to be CONSTANTLY in God's word**, and **to have it down in your HEART** or SPIRIT. Proverbs 4:20-21 says to GIVE ATTENTION to the word, and **KEEP God's WORD in your HEART**.

- **John 15:7** "If you _____ in Me, and My _____ abide in you; you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
- **John 8:31** "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, "If you _____ in My _____, then you are truly My disciples."
- **Proverbs 4:20-21** "My son, give _____ to My _____; incline your ear to My _____. Do not let them depart from your eyes; _____ them in the midst of your _____."
- **Psalms 119:11** "Your _____ I have hidden in my _____, that I might not sin against You."