

The Coming of Christ in Power and Glory

We need to be reminded of the reality of death every now and then: everyone we know will either pass on or pass away. It is true. Our acquaintances and associations, our friends and family members...none of them possess a permanent place in our lives here on earth. There is only one relationship that is an exception to this rule—our relationship with the Lord. He is the only person of whom we can say, “I will call upon Him as long as I live.” Everyone else will eventually move on, but not God. He is not going anywhere.

The Lord is the only constant.

Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

John 5:21-29 John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

The Father is the fountain of life and can restore life to the dead. The son possesses the same powers.

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

In the 21st and 22nd verses are proofs of the exaltation of the Son ... introduced by the word “For”.

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.

Because the Son speaks the words and does the works, He is therefore the manifestation of the Father.

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.

The conditions of eternal life are knowledge of the revelation of the son, a belief in the revelation as to cause its acceptance and our coming to Him in appointed fashion.

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.

Primarily the reference is to those spiritually dead. They shall hear and the Son will give them eternal life.

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

The Son is the fountain of life, and living waters.

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

God has made Him the judge of mankind, and because He took on a human body He is well suited for judgment cf:

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,

What marvel is it, that He should give spiritual life to those dead in their sins, when even those in their graves shall come forth at His command cf:

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.

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

The Judgment of the Son is based on the perfect knowledge of the will of the Father. Jesus own will is merged in the will of the Father.

II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [*done*] in [*his*] body, according to that he hath done, whether [*it be*] good or bad.

Matthew 25:31-46

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [*speeches*] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

I Thessalonians 5:1-10

I Corinthians 15:1-55

II Peter 3:1-14

II Thessalonians 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: