

John #28

John 5:25-29

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“Those Who Hear Shall Live”

Intro: As we come to our text this Lord’s Day, we find our Lord continuing to expound upon the truth that He _____ the Son, and that His accusers will witness Him in all His glory as He works the works that belong to God alone, giving life as He wills and sitting in judgment over all mankind.

I. Jesus spoke of the dead hearing the voice of the Son of God and living. This is to say, that the words _____ are able to impart life to those who hear; that being God the Son He speaks words of life, and when the _____ hear His word, they _____.

A. In a future sense, there is coming a time when the physically _____ will hear the voice of the Son of God. And those who hear the voice of the Son of God (not only then, but who actively and obediently hear His voice now) _____ again. This falls in line with what Jesus said in John 11:25, “... “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, ...”

1. The Apostle Paul wrote to believers saying, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven _____, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the _____ in Christ _____ first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thess 4:16-17).

B. The Lord Jesus also pronounced (in the present tense) that even now (at that very time He spoke) the _____ *dead* were hearing the voice of the Son of God; and that those who _____ (who have ears to hear, who hear and believe), shall _____.

1. Don’t forget what Jesus just said. Verse 24, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and _____ Him who sent Me, *has* eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but *has* passed out of death into life.” “An hour is coming *and now is*, when the dead (the spiritually dead) shall _____ the voice of the Son of God; and those (of you who) hear (and believe) shall _____!”

C. The point is, that _____ God the Son and He has the authority to grant life to whom He wishes, “For,” verse 26, “just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have _____ in _____!”

1. Church, apart from God in whom is life (and it is in Him alone), _____ are all spiritually _____. And, when He comes to us and speaks the Word of Life how can we being spiritually dead hear spiritual life-giving words? Only by His grace for _____ grants _____ as He wishes! It is all to the praise of the glory of His grace! So, let us who have heard His voice _____ His name honoring the Son, even as we honor the Father!

II. Because Jesus is the Son of Man, the Heavenly Father has also given Him _____ to execute _____.

A. When Jesus referred to Himself as “the Son of Man”, He was making it known that He was the One whom Daniel spoke of in 7:13-14. Thus, as the Son of Man, Jesus has been given _____ to execute judgement for He was given dominion that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might _____.

B. There comes a day when not one will be able to resist His voice for _____ who are in the tombs _____ His voice and shall come forth!

1. Those who have died in Christ as revealed by their good deeds will hear His voice and shall _____ forth _____ a resurrection of _____.
(Read Revelation 21-22)

2. Those who have not believed in God the Son and who have gone to the grave, will also hear His voice and be called forth to a resurrection of _____ where they will face the second _____. (Cf. Rom. 2:5-8 & Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:12; Matt. 7:17-19)

Closing: Dear church! _____ today who you will serve for life and judgment lay in the hands of the Jesus of Nazareth, for He is _____ of God!

Eternal life and eternal judgment is before you. As it was said to the people of old in Deuteronomy 30, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to _____ the LORD your _____, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live ... But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away ... I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. ... I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So _____ in order that you may live, ... by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; ..."

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who _____ in Me _____ even if he dies" (John 11:25).

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