

JOHN 5:19-47 Study (NLT) "REAL THING" December 13, 2009 Vineyard Church • Great Falls, MT

• **THE MAIN POINT:** If Jesus is God and resurrection, let us follow him.

Jesus makes it possible for every person to pass out of judgment and death into eternal life as a present experience and future blessing. A person receives the gifts Jesus has - to hear and obey, believe and live with God. However, each person has to answer the question "Who is Jesus?" and then "leave all" to follow him.

5:19-24 Jesus watches Father God and obeys him. Although Jesus is God, Creator and Lord of all, He does _____ unless He looks ahead and _____ that the _____ is doing it. Because of this, the Father entrusts everything and unlimited power and authority to His Son. Jesus says that He will do far _____ things than the healing of this man. In fact, He will raise the _____. He is the one who will _____ us. So it is proper to _____ the Son as well as the Father.

NOTHING: 5:19-20 Jesus does nothing except what He sees the Father doing. "I do nothing without consulting the Father." (John 5:30) "I am not teaching my own ideas, but those of God who sent me." (John 7:16) "The words I say are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me." (John 14:10) The Lord is submitted to God.

• Jesus, our brother, is an example to us. Like Him, we are under the Father's authority and train ourselves to do and say - as best we know - the Father's will in our daily living. We train ourselves to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10) and listen to hear his will and look on life and relationships to see where his hand is resting with the help of the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, to believe the "Father tells (us also) all that He is doing."

DOING: The Vineyard believes that the reason that people are healed (or not healed in response to our ministry) or helped or not helped is because the Father is doing or not doing that today. We believe that signs and wonders happen today and always pray. We also believe that signs and wonders do not happen all the time. We do not say we do not have enough faith or there is some hidden sin that has prevented the healing or prosperity like the "Word of Faith" people say. (Jesus failed to heal in Nazareth because of their lack of faith). However, if we are to err in any direction, it is in the direction of the "Word of Faith" people. It doesn't hurt to ask. It is good to believe that most of the time God wants to bless. That he will answer every prayer some way. That some people have such intimacy with the Father - like Moses and Smith Wigglesworth in this last century - that whatever they command happens. The greater our intimacy with the Father, the more will happen.

5:24 There is so much unbiblical teaching. Ask most people if they are going to heaven and they will say, "I hope that when I arrive at the Pearly Gates I will be found to be "good enough" for heaven. The Master says, "I _____ you, those

who _____ to my message and _____ in God who sent me _____ eternal life.

They will _____ be condemned for their sins (because I came to take away sins -John 1:29), but they have _____ passed from death into _____ (because I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

LISTEN: The Hebrew SHAMA can mean simply hearing a sound or voice. It means some times "to pay attention" or to "understand" or to "give heed"-obey. In the Bible the word is most used to express hearing and responding with obedience. That's what Jesus means here.

ETERNAL LIFE: ZOAN AIONION is the Greek phrase. ZOAN means biological life. Our word for zoo comes from it. AIONEN means never-ending, unchanging, perpetual, unlimited duration. It can mean both something that is without beginning or something that is without end. Our word eon is derived from AIONEN. It means a length of time that is too long to measure." So the word eternal life literally means biological life without ending. **RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.** We shall have recreated, perfect physical bodies—a restoration to the original human body Adam had in the garden before the fall. "...When we die and leave these bodies we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands." 2 Corinthians 5:1 We will not be some disembodied spirit or winged angelic being. We will be "homo in excelsis," mankind exalted. We are talking about the "resurrection of the body"—restoring it to its "original" condition.

• AIONION commonly means the quality of life God enjoys. Like God, we will never die again but live forever. But it will be with the joy and energy and meaningfulness of the life of the Father.

5:25-30 The Day Of Resurrection. When Jesus comes again all the _____ will hear his voice and see him. All people, both those who chose Christ and those who rejected him, will _____ again. Those who have done _____ will rise to eternal life and those who have _____ in evil will rise to judgment."

ALL: Jesus, God with us, says that he will raise everyone from the dead to live forever. The question will be, "Where?" "God will provide rest for you...and bring judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good news of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction, forever separated from the Lord and his glorious power."

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

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JUDGMENT: Judgment happens when a person meets Jesus and makes a decision about him.

The Master says, "Unless you believe that I am who I say I am, you will die in your sins." John 8:24 People's lives come to an end—whatever they have lived here will continue beyond death. All the day of judgment will do is confirm how they have decided and lived.

5:33-47 Witnesses to Christ. The world asks: What is the true religion? Who is the true prophet? We say Jesus is the true God. Jesus asked his disciples – he asks the world – he asks us—"Who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Matthew 16:15-16 Our Master says .. It wouldn't be valid if I witnessed to _____. He goes on to list some witnesses that He is God and Savior of the world.

(1) _____ the _____. (2) My teachings and my _____. (3) When Jesus was baptized, the _____ said, "This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him." Matthew 3:17 (4) The _____ point to me. (5:39)

• However, people do not have the message about Jesus in their _____ because they refuse to believe. They won't believe because they love the world and do not have God's _____ in them. Those are determined to go their own way and "god" their own lives _____ each other—they back up each other in their resolve to ignore God.

SCRIPTURES: The word in the Greek (the original language) means "anything written" - a document. Forms of this word we use: bio-graphy, auto-graphy, graphic, graph. This word is used of the Holy Bible by Christians and Jews (the Old Testament). For Christians the Bible is revelation from God. It is written by men and women under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. "All Scripture is inspired by God..." 2 Timothy 3:16

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____

" Above all you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves, or because they wanted to prophesy. It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God." 2 Peter 1:20-21 Jesus said, " I am not teaching my own ideas, but those of God who sent me." John 7:16 Because Jesus is God and Creator we consider every word that he spoke as being the words of God. • For conservative (Bible believing) Christians the Scriptures are without error and authoritative. The Scriptures are to be honored, believed and obeyed.

•THE FATHER :The Father is God---the Son (Jesus) is God---the Holy Spirit is God--- However, the Father is pre-eminent in the Trinity. The Son proceeds from the Father and the Holy Spirit

proceeds from the Son. Speaking of the end of the world-- as we experience it-- and the resurrection of the dead--Paul speaking by the Holy Spirit -says, " After that the end will come, when Christ will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father...For the Scriptures say , " God has given Him (the Son) authority over all things" it does not include God, who himself, who gave Christ his authority. When he has conquered all things the Son will present himself to God, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly over everything everywhere."
I Corinthians 15:23-28