

g. (5:22) The Father judges no one apart from the Son. This encompasses the entire judicial functions which will either acquit or condemn. The Son is come not to condemn (John 3:17), but rather to bring salvation. Those who reject this offer remain in darkness, and thus expose themselves to the obverse of the gift of life, namely condemnation. The whole question of right against wrong, of life versus death, acquittal against condemnation, is determined by the attitude of men towards the Son. In many passages this endowment of "the Son" with functions, powers, authorities, is expressed by this same word (δέδωκε), "he hath given" (ver. 36; John 3:35; 6:37, 39; 10:29; 17:2, 4).

h. (5:23) That all should honor the Son, even as the Father. Highest reverence that is due the Supreme Being is now ascribed to the Son. Keep in mind that the discussion in the preceding verses centered around the Divine consciousness of Christ, namely His LOGOS relationship with the Father, rather than the human aspect.

Verily, verily

i. (5:24) He that heareth my word. This is in reference to the God-Man, the Christ. This verse deals with salvation (quickeneth from v.21 above. Eph 2:1,5). It is the human Jesus, who will die on the cross. Heareth, with understanding (ἀκούειν), physical and moral understanding, and further believes in HIM that sent me (not shallow belief as in John 2:23-24). Such belief in words authenticated by the Father results in ETERNAL LIFE and escapes judgment. **The emphasis is on human responsibility to hear and heed.**

Verily, verily.
Voice of the
Son of God.

j. (5:25) The "dead" shall hear. Spiritual resurrection. "NOW." In Jesus' days and from Pentecost through the entire church age. Voice of **Son of God**. Those, who give ear to the Gospel message shall "live." (Those who hear, but do not "hear" give not heed to the Son of God.) This is the **divine spiritual awakening** for the ones who hear & heed the Word.

k. (5:26) This affirms the Self-Existence of the Son. John 8:58, Ex. 3:14. The source of all life. The Fountain of Life. He possesses the SAME Essence and Nature of the Godhead. (Col.2:9.) **Because he has LIFE, He can give resurrection life. (V.24-25)**

Son of Man

l. (5:27) Authority to execute judgment ALSO, because He is the Son of Man. (Dan 7:13, Mat. 24:30). Not only will He confer LIFE, but He will also execute judgment. He will be the determining judge of the destiny of all humanity. It will be perfectly righteous judgment. The "NOW" of verse 24,25 is omitted. **This is the future judgment.** Bema Seat of Christ, Judgment of Israel, Judgment of Gentiles, Great White Throne Judgment.

m. (5:28-29) Resurrection from the graves. Physical, bodily resurrection. From whatever kind of grave, earthly, oceans, explosions, etc.. This is speaking of two resurrections, each with a different destination. The first resurrection has its destination into eternal **life** (have done good – John 6:28, obeyed the Gospel – II Thess. 1:8-9), and the second resurrection has its destination to the **lake of fire**. These two resurrections take place at different times.

Resurrection unto LIFE (First Resurrection Rev. 20:3)

Christ (firstfruit)

Sleeping (dead) Church Age Saints at the Rapture

Tribulation Saints who died and were martyred.

OT Saints at end of Tribulation. (Dan 12:2)

Resurrection unto damnation. (Rev. 20:12-13)

All lost people, OT and NT times, after 1000 year reign.

1. **The witnesses of His Deity (5:30-47).**

a. His witnesses concerning Himself (5:30-31).

He presents the claim to be the Representative and CoAgent of the Father. He goes back in these words to the great text of the discourse, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (ver. 19). There is no self origination, there is UNITY in the ONE WILL and ONE PURPOSE in the ONE ESSENCE. The following comments are not independent assertions, but rather represent the sentiments of the Father. If he only testified of His IDENTITY, then HIS testimony would not be true. But, there are OTHER witnesses of HIS IDENTITY.

b. His witness of John the Baptist (5:32-35).

c. His witness of His works (5:36).

d. His witness of The Father (5:37-38).

e. His witness of the Scripture (5:39-47).