

# Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

August 19, 2020

## John 5: 27 - 31

**27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 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. 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. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.**

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## Verses 27 - 28

*“And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,”*

Pastor Tom reminded us to keep in mind the concept of ‘harmony in the trinity.’

\*There is a teaching called “Universalism” which says that everyone will be in heaven. Pastor Tom recalled how Rev. Naugle’s brother spoke about how angry people get when salvation is preached at funerals. But that is where it should be preached. Most funeral services make it sound like everyone goes to heaven (universalism).

\*In response to universalism -

First, everyone will face Jesus and have to give an account of their actions at resurrection. Someone added that if you are not accountable in this world, then you won’t be accountable in Heaven.

Second, everyone will stand at either the great white throne (Rev.20) or as a believer (II Corinthians 5: 10)

Jesus will be the judge - not us or how good we are. Some people will be judged into eternal life and some into eternal damnation.

As Pastor Tom has been preaching during the pandemic on the WORDS OF JESUS, he also pointed out that the entire Bible points to Jesus. SO verses from the OT are as relevant as those in red letters in the NT.

### **Isaiah 26: 3**

*“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”*

\*We will still have troubles, be overcome by situations BUT no matter what happens, we have to have the assurance that God is in control.

### **Isaiah 26: 19**

*“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”*

\*This verse was written by Isaiah 700 years before Jesus talked about resurrection!

### **Verse 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. “*

\*This verse vividly describes what happens to the good and the bad.

### **Verses 30 -31**

*“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. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.”*

\*Here is the idea of ‘harmony in the trinity’. Even though there are 3 different principles in the trinity, there is still ONE PURPOSE.

Pastor Tom recalled something Tom Hindman said in his book about turkey hunting and Christianity. ‘Boots on the ground make you a good hunter, not all the gadgets and technology.’ The same goes for Christianity - reading all the books, magazines and devotionals does not make you a Christian.

'Boots on the ground'... you must know Jesus in a personal way in order to be a Christian and ultimately go to Heaven!

In reference to the part of verse 30 that says 'as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just', Pastor Tom asked the group-

What if someone we loved died and you knew that person did not live for Jesus? Does the "just" part of that verse bother you?

Discussion followed with references to several scriptures including "Depart from me, I never knew you"

If you fall away from church you WILL get into troubles. Jesus did not say "Do not forsake the gathering" for no reason. He knew we need the support of fellowship.

Sherri noted a comment in a book she is reading:

America is full of backslidden churches that are full of backslidden preachers!

If the church fails, families fail, the community fails and finally our country fails. We have seen this occur since prayer was taken out of school, abortion was legalized and same-sex marriage condoned!

Back to verses 30 & 31...

If Jesus was not in harmony with His Father, His witness is no good.

### **Matthew 5: 16 - 18**

*"16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

\*Pastor Tom commended the group that served at Rev. Naugle's funeral lunch at the Park. The way they handled the situation was a testimony to God. They let their light shine!

\*Verses 17 and 18 relate to the witness/testimony/purpose of Jesus' life as He wanted His life to be in harmony with His Father.

Not one bit of the WORD will pass (go away) until it is lived out (fulfilled).

Pastor Jon believes that more pastors in America feel the Bible is open for interpretation than those who feel it is God-inspired.

Other ideas shared:

Schools have promoted the idea of making a positive experience out of all situations...not holding children accountable for misbehaviors. This seems to give them a lack of foundational principles of right and wrong.

Many of us in this group recall the days when we knew the line between right and wrong. We knew the consequences of bad choices. But there has been a slow fade away from this in younger generations.

A rule book is needed for all sports so everyone has the same framework. Nowadays, people think they can change the rules or that the rules do not apply to them.

Sooner or later...there will be consequences.

In regards to John 5: 30 and 31 - We need to bring our Bibles to church and open them to keep the preacher accountable to preach the truth.

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*May the Lord watch between me and thee,  
While we are absent one from the other.*

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Next week begin with John 5: 32