

# The Gospel According to John “From Death to Life”

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# Main Idea

The Father and the Son are perfectly united in the work of redemption and have accomplished all that is needed to bring the dead to life as demonstrated by Christ's resurrection.



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The Father and the Son are one  
in essence, equal in power and glory!

# Oneness and Equality Demonstrated!

**John 10:27-30**

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# I and the Father are one.”

Though impossible to *comprehend*,  
it is essential that you *believe* that  
God exists in three persons  
who are the same in substance,  
equal in power and glory, sharing in  
the same purposes and work.

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The Father and the Son work  
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The Father and the Son are never at odds in their work, and this guarantees that the full work of redemption *will be* accomplished.

This guarantee is most clearly confirmed by Christ's resurrection.



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Romans 3:23 and 6:23

**All** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God  
...the wages of sin is death.

If you are among the **all**,  
you are among the dead!

# Who are the dead?

Ephesians 2:1

And **you were dead** in your trespasses and sins...

All people sin, and sin brings death;  
therefore, all who live are dead...  
unless they are made alive!

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The deadness of the dead  
is what leads to death.

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# What is this deadness?

In one sense this *deadness* is the sentence of death hanging over everyone.

In a deeper sense this *deadness* is the spiritual condition of the human heart apart from the life of Christ.

# **Spiritual Deadness**

The spiritually dead are ultimately unresponsive to spiritual truth.



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The spiritually dead often do good things,  
but they do them independently of God.

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These were *deeds of the self*,  
done independently of God.

# Look at Jesus!

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unless it is something He sees the Father doing.”

Jesus is not independent of the Father;  
they share in the same life, the same  
purpose; and therefore, the same work.

The spiritually dead do not have a share in this life of God and are not vitally connected to His purposes.

Even their “selfless” deeds will be reckoned as evil because they were done apart from Him.

## Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean,  
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;  
And all of us wither like a leaf,  
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**This is true of you unless you have been  
washed, unless you have been made new!**

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The Father did not give life to the Son  
as if the Son were created but gave  
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This is parallel to verse 21.

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The Son will sit in judgment over all mankind.  
Are you ready for this judgment?

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The Son powerfully and effectively  
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The dead to whom Jesus speaks will hear His voice and believe because His voice is powerful to break through the deadness. Take note that it is the nature and power of Jesus' voice that causes it to be heard ***not*** the quality of the ears hearing.

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The certainty of this statement declares  
the effectual power of Jesus' voice!

He confidently says they ***will hear***  
because His voice carries life with it  
just as the Father's voice carried life  
with it in the beginning.



# Conclusion

The work of redemption is God's work.

The resurrection of Jesus demonstrated that this work will be fully accomplished.

The living Jesus now calls out to you  
to hear Him and believe on Him.

**Have you heard Him; do you believe?**