

**Those that Have Done Good (John 5:28)**  
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John 5:24 is one of my favorite verses in John's Gospel: "Amen, amen, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes the One who sent Me has eternal life, and will not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." It presents faith alone in Christ alone for everlasting life. It makes clear that believers receive life here and now, not at a future judgment. It emphasizes that believers will not even be at the Great White Throne.

**John 15:1-18 as Backdrop for John 5:19-30**

Note John 5:17: "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

Question: Did the Father work on the Sabbath

**Exposition of John 5:19-30**

Verse 21 introduces one point (24-26 expand); vv 22f introduce another (27-29 expand).

1. As the Father resurrects and gives life, so does the Son (5:21, 24-26),
2. As the Father committed judgment to Him, the Son will judge (5:22-23, 27-29).

**Main Thesis: The Son Only Does What He Sees the Father Do (5:19, 30)**

**Why Are You Amazed? You Ain't Seen Nothin'<sup>1</sup> Yet (5:20)**

**First subthesis: As the Father Resurrects and Gives Life, so does Jesus (5:21)**

*This is explained in vv 24-26*

**Second subthesis: The Father Committed Judgment to the Son (5:22-23)**

*This is explained in vv 27-29*

**Amplification of Jesus as Life-Giver to Believers (5:24-26)**

**Jesus Gives Life to Believers (John 5:24)**

**The verse speaks about believing the Father (why not believing Christ?)**

**Does it create a problem that Jesus spoke of believing the Father? No**

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<sup>1</sup> I know this is a colloquial double negative and that *ain't* ain't a word. The intended meaning is clear.

**What is the content of faith in 5:24?**

**Jesus Gives Life to Believers: Restated (John 5:25).**

**Note first the similar, but different underlined statements**

*Amen, amen, I tell you, a time is coming, and is now here, when **the dead** will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live (5:25).*

*Don't be amazed at this, because a time is coming in which **all who are in the graves** will hear His voice (5:28).*

**What is the difference?**

The first speaks of something that is \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_

The second speaks of something that is \_\_\_\_\_

**Paralleling 5:25 with 5:24**

	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>John 5:25</b>	
a	<b>Most assuredly, I say to you,</b>	<b>Most assuredly, I say to you,</b>	a'
b	—	<i>the hour is coming, and now is,</i>	b'
c	<b>he who hears My word</b>	<b>when the [spiritually] dead will [now] hear the voice of the Son of God;and those who hear</b>	c'
d	<i>and believes in Him who sent Me</i>	<i>[and believe it]</i>	d'
e	<b>has everlasting life,</b>	<b>will live.</b>	e'
f	<i>and shall not come into judgment,</i>	—	f'
g	<i>but has passed from death into life.</i>	—	g'

**Both the Father and the Son Have Life in Themselves, so Each Can Give Life (5:26).**

**Amplification of Jesus as Judge of Unbelievers at Great White Throne (5:27-29)**

**The Father also Granted the Son Authority to Judge, because He Is God (5:27).**

**The Son Will Summon Deceased Unbelievers to the Great White Throne (5:28-29a).**

Anyone standing thirty-five feet tall will have his name recorded in *Guinness*.

**Alternate Theories of “Those who have done good” (5:29)**

**“Those who Have Done Good” as Works Done by Persevering Saints**

**“Those who Have Done Good” as Believing in Christ**

**CONCLUSION**