

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 11

Scripture of Lesson: John 5: 24~47

1. Resurrection of the good and the evil – concern for our eternity

- a. Re-emphasis on eternal life: Those who believe in Jesus Christ has moved from death to life. [v.25]
 - i. Spiritually dead hears the word of Jesus and becomes alive. [v. 26]
- b. Christ has the power of judgment--Two resurrections (v. 29)
 - i. First resurrection (Rev 20:4~6)—Those with privilege of ruling the world with the Lord for 1,000 years
 - ii. Second resurrection – resurrection to judgment (Rev 20:12~15)—Basis of judgment = ‘Book of Life’

2. Testifiers to Jesus’ ministry: John the Baptist, His work, God the Father & the Scripture

- a. John the Baptist had been sent to testify about the coming Messiah. He was faithful in his mission. [v. 35]
- b. The work of Messiah was to fulfill God’s plan of human salvation [v.36]. Christ faithfully carried out this mission through life, death and resurrection.
- c. God the Father has testified of the Son [v.37]: Audible voice at His baptism [Luke 3:22]. God also spoke to Mary, Joseph, Zachariah and Elizabeth, wise men of the east, shepherds in Bethlehem, Simeon and Anna at the temple, etc. God could not speak to others because of lack of love of God in their hearts [v. 37-38]
- d. Scripture (OT) speaks much about the coming Messiah. [v.39]

3. Old Testament and Messiah

- a. Exo 17:5-7. The rock that provided life-giving water to people of Israel in the wilderness attests that the eternally existing Christ was present with Israel throughout their wilderness journey. He is the source of God’s blessings to His people ‘at all times.’
- b. Ps 2:7; Ps 45:6-7; Ps 110:1. These verses attest to the real existence of the Messiah prior to His birth at Bethlehem.
- c. Isiah 9:6-7 speak of the birth and dominion of the Messiah; His name shall be “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.”
- d. Isiah 42: 1-4: His nature/ character.
- e. Isiah 53: 1-6: His suffering and death.
- f. Let us look for other verses that speak of Christ.

4. Jews and Christ

- a. Jesus’ assessment of the Jews’ attitude: Lack of faith [v. 38]; no love of God in their hearts [v.42]
- b. God sent His Son to His own people, whom He has loved. Yet His people refused to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, much less God’s Son. How grievous would God’s heart have been! What about now?
 - i. Many times only a small ‘remnant’ was faithful to God.
 - ii. “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” [Luke 18:8]

5. We as testifiers of Christ today

- a. Christ needs us as His testifiers
- b. What He expects us: to be truthful in our faith, in living out His truth in our lives and holding fast in our hope for eternity