

The Sabbath Controversy John 5:16-46

Reason to kill

1 Because He healed the lame man on the Sabbath.

Jesus response My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.

2 Because He made Himself equal with God.

Jesus works glorify the Father

Verses 19-20

KEY POINT: Greater things John 5:20 and John 1:50!

Jesus will spell out the greater things later in the book, but for now Christians know that every blessing you have in Christ is a greater thing to anything that the world has.

TRUE CHRISTIANS MARVEL AT THAT!

Father raises the dead gives life to them.

The Son gives life to whom He will.

THE LEGAL CASE FOR CHRIST

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The only court that eternally matters.

According to John the focus of his Gospel is the most important question ever to be asked of man.

THE QUESTION OF JESUS IDENTITY

- 1) This was the issue central during the life of Jesus
- 2) It is the center of our spiritual life today
- 3) It is the theme John carried to his book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

The LORD the righteous judge

You must be ready for court!

Salvation - Believe in the LORD Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

ACTS 16:31

New life in Christ – The Spiritually dead hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and believe.

Romans 10:9-11 and 14-15.

Regeneration – They are passed from death into life.

Colossians 1:13

NOT GUILTY VERDICT

Verse 28 The hour is coming when all will from the grave those who have done good to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

Is this a work based salvation?

Absolutely not - please pay attention to the whole counsel of God.

Reconciliation - II Corinthians 5:20-21

Our righteousness is in Christ. When we stand before the righteous judge.

It is His righteousness that will purchase our salvation.

Titus 3:5-6 Not by our works of righteousness.

II Timothy 4:7-8. Crown of righteousness from the righteous judge.

Open court on the Deity of Christ.

Witness Judge Execute

Truth Judgment Condemnation

Testimony Authority Accuse

1) John the Baptist - John 1:29

Behold! The lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world

2) The works of Christ - Acts 2:22-24

Peter proclaims the Jesus miracles attest to Jesus Deity

3) Father Himself - Luke 9:34-36

This is My beloved, Hear HIM

4) Scriptures - I Corinthians 15:3-6

According to the Scriptures

John 5:39 They have the words of eternal life.

Job 19:23-27 I Know my Redeemer lives

They testify of the truth that Jesus is the Christ

Isaiah 53 especially verse 5

John 5:45 The Law accuses and is the legal document that condemns us because of our work.

The scriptures tell of Jesus

Zechariah 9:9 Your King is coming

Zechariah 12:10 You will look on Him whom they pierced

Receive and Believe