

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 5:21-30.

B. The blind at the pool are like those in the congregation who hear Jesus' voice and receive power to be different.

II. Jesus promises that God will perform greater miracles than healing through the Son—particularly giving life to the dead.

A. This is both the spiritually dead and the physically dead.

B. Jesus claims either lead us to conclude He is Lord, a liar or a lunatic.

C. Eternal life is a spiritual life that emphasizes the quality.

1. It is rich.

2. It must be given by Jesus alone.

3. Without it, one is headed to hell.

4. The relationship one has with Jesus Christ is the most important one—it determines one's final destiny.

III. The terms by which Jesus gives life: hearing Jesus' words and believing in the God who sent Him.

A. One must commit himself to following Jesus obediently.

B. This one immediately receives eternal life.

C. Jesus has always been the one who has given life.

D. The Father has also given Jesus the right to exercise judgment because He is the Son of Man and can identify with us.

E. Those who have the gift of eternal life can never be the same again.

F. To do good means to follow Jesus' Word and accepted His life.

G. God is giving us the chance to take His side, but it will not last forever.

Application questions:

1. What is eternal life like?

2. What power do Jesus' followers have that is greater than His ability to heal physically? Explain.

3. Why is believing Jesus the terms by which one must receive eternal life? If you have not made this step, what is keeping you?
