

# The Dead will Hear His Voice

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### Introduction:

There are currently **7.4 billion people** alive today and the Population Reference Bureau estimates that about **107 billion people** have ever lived. This means that we are nowhere near close to having more alive than dead. In fact, there are 15 dead people for every person living.

If you are breathing and your heart is beating, you are most likely alive

but given enough time you will be dead.

Your heart will stop beating and you will stop breathing and your body will cease to be alive.

There will be a funeral, and family and friends will gather around and mourn your departure.

And if time allows, your family and friends will all die too.

The leading causes of Death are

- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Chronic lower respiratory disease
- Accidents
- Stroke
- Alzheimer's disease
- Diabetes
- Influenza and pneumonia
- Kidney disease
- Suicide

These are reasons people die, But it is not the ultimate cause of death

We Die because God Said So.

### **Genesis 2:16**

**16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

**17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

A preacher once said,  
It was not the apple in the tree that caused the problem, but  
the Pair on the ground

Death is Real,  
The Bible says we are appointed to it. **Heb. 9:27**

Some might say, How depressing, I come to church and Im  
expecting to be encouraged and all I hear about is Death  
Well, I was setting the stage for some GOOD news  
Our passage tell us some great news

## **Lesson.**

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## **I. The Spiritual Resurrection**

**25** Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

### **Jn 5:21–22**

**21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

### **Lk 9:60**

**60** Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

### **Lk 15:32**

**32** It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”

**Ro 6:4**

**4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

**Eph 2:1–6**

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

**2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

**3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

**6** and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

**Eph 5:14**

**14** Therefore He says:  
“Awake, you who sleep,  
Arise from the dead,  
And Christ will give you light.”

Col 2:13

**13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Re 3:1

**3:1** “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

### **john piper**

The reason we need a Savior is not just that we are in the doghouse with God and need to be forgiven for offending his glory. We need a Savior because we are in the morgue. In the doghouse you might whimper. You might say you are sorry. You might make some good resolutions. You might decide to cast yourself on the mercy of God. But what can you do if you are in the morgue?

**A.W. Pink**

To savingly believe in Christ is a supernatural act and is the **DIRECT PRODUCT** of a supernatural work of grace in the soul. Fallen and depraved man has no more power to come to Christ evangelically than he has merit of his own to entitle him to God's favour. He is as completely dependent on the Spirit's gracious operation within him as he is upon Christ's worthiness without him. Fallen man is spiritually **DEAD** (Eph. 2:1), and a dead soul cannot "co-operate," any more than a physical corpse can with an undertaker.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are **SPIRITUALLY** discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

The "things Of the Spirit" signify contents of the Word of Truth, for they were penned under His immediate inspiration. The "natural man" is man in his fallen and unrenewed state while the sinner remains unregenerate, he "receiveth not" either the Divine Law or the Gospel. That requires a word of explication: the natural man can, and often does, receive the things of the Spirit in **THE LETTER** of them as so many propositions or statements, but he cannot apprehend them as does one who has been made the subject of a miracle of grace. They are "foolishness"—absurd, unattractive, distasteful to him. Yea, he "**CANNOT KNOW THEM**"— he is disqualified to perceive their verity and value; "because they are

**SPIRITUALLY** discerned,” and spiritual discernment he has none. The sinner has to be transformed from a natural into a **SPIRITUAL** man before he has any spiritual perception!

A corpse has no responsibility, but the natural man HAS! A corpse can perform no actions; different far is the case of the sinner. He is- active, active against **GOD!** Though he does not love Him (and he ought!), yet he is filled with enmity and hatred against Him. Thus spiritual death is not a state of passivity and inactivity, but one of aggressive hostility against God.

The average evangelical pulpit conveys the impression that it lies wholly in the power of the sinner whether or not he shall be saved. It is said that “God has done his part, now man must do his.” Alas, what **CAN** a lifeless man do, and man by nature is “**DEAD** in trespasses and sins” [Eph 2:1]! If this were really believed, there would be more dependence upon the Holy Spirit to come in with his miracle working power, and less confidence in **OUR** attempts to “win men for Christ.”



LOST! How dismal is its sound! How much is summed up in that single word! It signifies . . .

that the natural man is in a sinful, wretched, and perilous state,  
that he is far astray from God,  
that he has willfully and wantonly forsaken the path of duty.

Lost! A traveler from time to eternity, treading the road that leads to certain and everlasting destruction!

Lost! A creature who has forfeited the approbation and favor of his Maker, and is now an outcast from Him!

Lost! One who has squandered his substance in riotous living, and is now a spiritual bankrupt and pauper. He is out of the way of peace and blessing, and utterly incapable of finding his way back to it!

Fearful beyond words, is the condition of fallen man. His case is as hopeless as that of a dying person whose disease is incurable. A lost child is a pitiful object — but what mind can estimate or pen depict the tragedy of a lost soul? Lost now, lost forever — unless a sovereign God intervenes and performs a miracle of mercy for its recovery!

Man is lost positively, in that he is not what he should be. He is . . .

a defiled creature,  
a guilty criminal,  
a child of disobedience!

Lost judicially, under the curse of God's broken Law, sentenced to death, "condemned already" (John 3:18), the wrath of God abiding on him! (John 3:36)

Lost meritoriously, for his transgressions deserve eternal death, which is the wages of sin — and fully has he earned them.

Lost experientially in point of ability or power to recover himself, he is "not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can he be" (Romans 8:7). The moral impotency of man is such that he is utterly incapable of performing a single spiritual act: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil! (Jeremiah 13:23)

None will know how utterly man is lost, until they experience God's wrath in Hell, and can then measure the fearful distance they have departed from Him!

Thus man is lost in every way, and in every sense!  
Federally, by the imputation to him of the guilt of his representative's offence.

Effectually, by the transmission of a corrupt nature from his parents.

Actually, by his own evil conduct, "you have destroyed yourself" (Hosea 13:9).

Practically, by the forming of evil habits, so that now he is "held with the cords of his sins" (Proverbs 5:22).

Lost to God, for He has no love, no service, no glory from the unregenerate, so that they deprive Him of the honor of their creation.

Man is lost to himself . . .  
to all reason and rational inducements,

to right conceptions and perceptions,  
to every consideration of God's claims upon him.

Lost to all sense of shame for his horrible condition in the eyes of the Holy One.

So lost as to have "delight in wickedness" (2 Thessalonians 2:12).

Lost to piety and true happiness.  
Out of the way of holiness, peace, and security.

Lost in sin, in ignorance, and error.

Lost irretrievably, like a sheep that wanders farther and farther astray, until it perishes. Man is utterly unable to find his way back to God, for he is in total darkness — a wanderer in a pathless desert, perishing in a howling wilderness. What makes man's case yet worse, is that he has no desire to be recovered! He has perversely set himself up to be his own master, and stubbornly determines to please himself and carve out his own career.

Rather than return unto God, the unregenerate would take any road which leads farther away from Him. They resent His exhortations and resist the strivings of His Spirit. If not with their lips, with their hearts, they say unto God: "Depart from us — for we have no desire to know Your ways!" (Job 21:14). Yes, they would much prefer to be annihilated than yet meet God face to face, and have to give an account of themselves to Him (Romans 14:12). They hate His holiness and dread His

justice, while despising His goodness and abusing His mercies!

Now, dear reader, if you be Christless, the above describes your woeful case, and, as we have stated, it sets forth the unerring diagnosis of God Himself.

when the dead **will hear** the voice of the Son of God; and those **who hear** will live.

Some people suffer from a strange hearing disorder—they can hear sounds but can't understand words. They have no trouble hearing a bird sing or a watch tick, but words are as unintelligible as if they were a foreign language. The source of the problem is not in the ears. It stems from an injury to the brain.

### **Jn 8:41–47**

You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

**42** Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

**43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

**44** You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he

speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.  
 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?  
 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

**Jn 6:44–45**

- 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.  
 45 It is written in the prophets, '*And they shall all be taught by God.*' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

**Jn 10:26–27**

- 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.  
 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**1 Co 2:14**

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

## **II. The Submissive Redeemer**

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man

This verse is deep and hard to understand but a few things we know

**1. This is definitely related to the the Kenosis of Christ or the self emptying of Christ, the humiliation of Christ.**

### **Php 2:5–8**

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,  
 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,  
 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.  
 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

## **2. The Father and the Son possess the same life**

“He has granted” is a aorist verb, which is undefined action in the past Eternal

**Jn 1:4**

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Jn 11:25**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

**Jn 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

**Col 3:4**

When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**1 Jn 5:11–12**

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**Jn 5:21**

21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

### **3. The Father Grants Authority and Judgment to the Son**

#### **Grants Authority**

#### **Jn 3:35**

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

#### **Da 7:13–14**

**13** “I was watching in the night visions,  
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!  
He came to the Ancient of Days....

**14** Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,  
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.  
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,  
Which shall not pass away,  
And His kingdom *the one*  
Which shall not be destroyed.

#### **Mt 11:27**

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.



**Mt 28:18**

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**Heb 2:7–8**

*You have made him a little lower than the angels;  
You have crowned him with glory and honor,  
And set him over the works of Your hands.*

**8** *You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”*

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

**Jn 17:1–2**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

**2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

**His Authority expressed in judgement of Life and Death****Jn 8:51**

Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

**Jn 11:26**

**26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

**4. This reveals a fatal flaw in :**

**Sabellianism** in the **Eastern church** or **Patripassianism** in the **Western church** (also known as **modalism**, **modalistic monarchianism**, or **modal monarchism**) is the **nontrinitarian** or **anti-trinitarian** belief that the **Heavenly Father**, **Resurrected Son**, and **Holy Spirit** are three different *modes* or *aspects* of one **monadic** God, as perceived by *the believer*, rather than three distinct **persons** within *the Godhead*—that there are no real or substantial differences among the three, such that there is no substantial identity for the Spirit or the Son

The Father gives to the Son. You cannot give something to one who does not exist.

**III. The Physical Resurrection**

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### **hóra: a time or period, an hour**

**Original Word:** ὥρα, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** hóra

**Phonetic Spelling:** (ho'-rah)

**Short Definition:** an hour, season

**Definition:** (a) a definite space of time, a season, (b) an hour, (c) the particular time for anything.

**5610** *hóra* – properly, an *hour*; (figuratively) a *finite* "season"; *limited* time or opportunity to reach a goal (fulfill a purpose); a *divinely pre-set* time-period; a limited period to accomplish the Lord's specific purpose, i.e. "the hour" in which specific characteristics prevail exactly like that for a limited time.

### **mnémeion: a memorial, a monument**

**Original Word:** μνημεῖον, ου, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** mnémeion

**Phonetic Spelling:** (mnay-mi'-on)

**Short Definition:** a tomb, sepulcher

**Definition:** a tomb, sepulcher, monument.

**3419** *mnēmeíon* (a neuter noun derived from **3451** /*mousikós*, "to remember, keep in memory") – a tomb (sepulchre).

5:28–29. Jesus said His hearers should **not be amazed at** His claim that right now those who believe pass from death into life (v. 24), because in the future there will be a universal physical resurrection at His command. This universal resurrection is clearly taught in Daniel 12:1–2. Other passages show that the resurrection to life, “the first resurrection,” will occur in stages (the church at the Rapture, and Tribulation saints at the Lord’s second coming at the end of the Tribulation), and that the resurrection of those who will **be condemned** will occur at the end of the Millennium (Rev. 20:11–15). John 5:28–29 is one of the few passages in this Gospel which expressly teaches eschatology.

Blum, E. A. (1985). John. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 291). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

This is an amazing statement. Every human being who has every lived and died will be resurrected  
Lost or saved

Adam and Eve  
Abraham, and Isaac  
Jacob and Esau  
Moses and Arron  
Rahab and Jezebel  
Daniel and Ezekiel  
Nebuchadnezzar and Beltashazar  
Mathew, Mark, Luke and John  
Herod, Pilate, and Judas  
Paul, and Barnabas  
Nero

Augustine, and all the Roman Catholic Popes  
 John Calvin,  
 Bloody Mary  
 Michael Angelo  
 Isaac Newton  
 George Washington  
 Joseph Stalin  
 Adolf Hitler  
 John Kennedy  
 Ted Kennedy  
 Marolyn Monroe  
 Nancy Reagan  
 Princess Diana  
 Johnny Cash  
 Anthonin Scalia  
 Madalyn Murray O'Hair  
 Osama Bin Ladin  
 Steve Jobs  
 Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy Founder of Christian  
 Science who taught death was not real

**Da 12:2**

**12:1** “At that time Michael shall stand up,  
 The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of  
 your people;  
 And there shall be a time of trouble,  
 Such as never was since there was a nation,  
*Even* to that time.  
 And at that time your people shall be delivered,  
 Every one who is found written in the book.  
**2** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth  
 shall awake,

Some to everlasting life,  
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

## **Believers**

### **1 Co 15:51–52**

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

**52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

### **1 Th 4:14–17**

**14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

**15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

**16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

## **Unbelievers**

**Re 20:12–13**

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

**13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**29** and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The words **those who have done good** and **those who have done evil** (*ta phaula*, “worthless things”; cf. 3:20) by themselves might imply a salvation by good deeds or damnation because of evil deeds, but a consideration of John’s theology as a whole forbids this (cf. 3:17–21; 6:28–29). Those who are truly born again do live a different kind of life. They obey Him (14:15), they abide in Him (15:5–7), and they walk in the light (8:12; 1 John 1:7). They are saved by the Lamb of God who, as their substitutionary Sacrifice, takes away the penalty of their sin. Salvation is by faith in Christ. Damnation is because of rejection of God’s Son (John 3:36).

**Ro 2:6–10**

who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”:

- 7** eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;
- 8** but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,
- 9** tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;
- 10** but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.