

## Sermon Outline

### The Gospel According to John, Part 10 (John 5:18-47)

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**Main Idea:** This week Robin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at Jesus' teaching on the reality of eternal life and eternal judgment, and how one might gain eternal life and avoid eternal judgment.

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Two Questions:

1. How do I gain eternal life?
2. How do I avoid eternal judgment?

Answer: Believe in Jesus, the Son of God

1. Like Father, like Son
2. God alone has the power to give eternal life
3. God alone has the authority to execute eternal judgment

#### Key Text/Quotes:

*"For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgement to the Son...."* John 5:21-22

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."* John 5:24

"The Father has life in himself. He is self-existent. He is dependent on nothing and no one for his continued existence.... He necessarily lives. He cannot not live. He cannot die. That is impossible. You and I are alive, but the life we have is derived from God. We are dependent on him for life. We do not have life in ourselves. We are not self-existent. We live on borrowed time, with borrowed life...." Robin Boisvert

#### Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 5:18-47 and open in prayer.
2. Death is a difficult subject to soberly address. Even more difficult is the reality of eternal judgment. Take time to discuss why this is and how the world attempts to deal with it.
3. Discuss how kind God is to reveal to us in his Word the truth about life and death, mercy and judgment. What would life be like if we didn't have Scripture?
4. John 3:16 is such a popular verse because it really is a summary of the core message of Scripture, the gospel of Jesus Christ. As such, discuss how often we make this the center of our evangelism.
5. Since God's glory is tied to the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is only right that we would strive to make much of Jesus—his authority, power, and promises--in our lives. Discuss the numerous ways that we are called in Scripture to give honor and glory to God.
6. Close your time in prayer.

