

DID YOU HEAR THE VOICE?

John 5:25

25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live.

Jesus said in his day that the hour “**now is**” when the dead would **hear his voice** and live. Jesus was not talking about the physically dead hearing his voice but of those dead in their sins.

Eph 2:1-2

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

Those who are spiritually dead because of sin need to hear the teachings of the son of God if they are to live eternally. It is not enough to hear the sound of the words. One must listen with the intention of understanding and acting upon what they hear. Anything short of this is the same thing as not hearing. Non-responsive hearing is not acceptable to God.

Matt 13:13

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

James 1:22-25

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

The Lord's Gospel demands belief and obedience without which a person cannot be saved.

Mark 16:16

16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

Acts 2:41

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

2 Thess 1:8-9

8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Did you hear the voice of the Son of God? The answer to that question is seen in your reaction to the words of the voice. If you have not obeyed His words then you have not heard Him.

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