



SPIRITUAL LIFE

John 5.24-26

- Jesus has healed a man on the Sabbath (5.9)
- Jews insisted Jesus had violated the Sabbath law (5.16,18)
- Jesus had not violated God's Sabbath law — He did the Father's will (Exodus 20.8–10; John 5.19–20)
- Jesus then speaks of His significance as the Son of God:

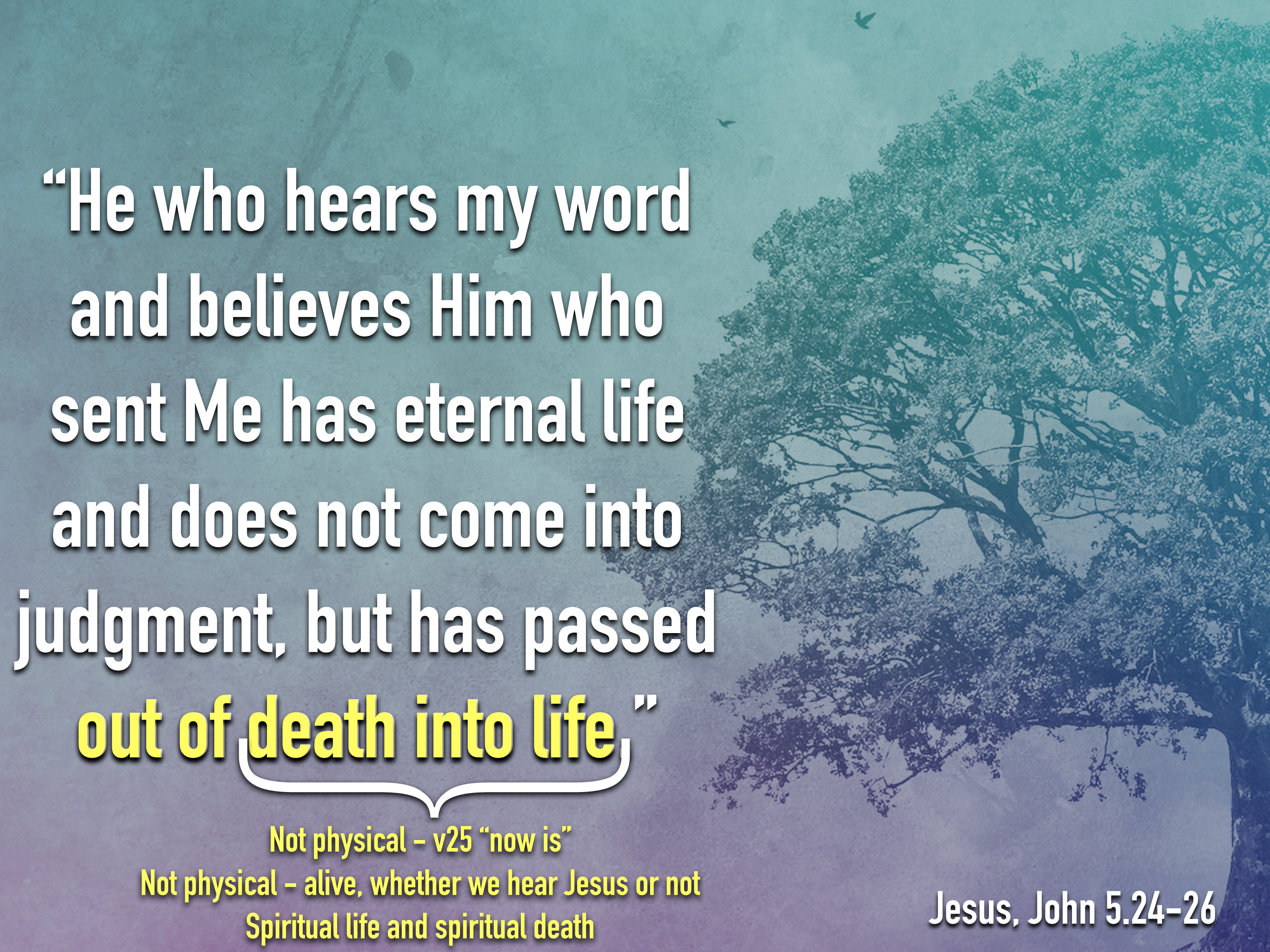
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Context of John 5

- Jesus has the power to give life (5.21)
- Jesus has the power to judge (5.22)
- Jesus is due honor (5.23)
- Jesus is honored by our response to His word (5.24–26)

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The Son of God



**“He who hears my word
and believes Him who
sent Me has eternal life
and does not come into
judgment, but has passed
out of death into life”**

Not physical – v25 “now is”

Not physical – alive, whether we hear Jesus or not

Spiritual life and spiritual death

Jesus, John 5.24–26

- **Contrasted with death (John 5.24,25)**
- **Related to a relationship with Christ (John 5.24,25)**
- **We are born into spiritual life — Matthew 19.14; Romans 7.9**
- **We become spiritually dead when we sin — Ephesians 2.1,5**
 - **Death is separation (James 2.26), not inability**

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What is Spiritual Life?

- Jesus calls us to spiritual life through the Gospel — 2 Timothy 1.10
- Jesus calls us to spiritual life through faith — Romans 1.17
- Biblical faith embraces obedience — Hebrews 11.6
- At what point do I transition from spiritual death to spiritual life?
 - Spiritual death is sin and separation from God — at what point are my sins taken away and fellowship to God restored?

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Where is it?

- Spiritual life is found when we arise from baptism — Romans 6.3f
- Sin is removed at the moment of baptism — 1 Peter 3.21; Acts 2.38
- Paul's sins were washed away at baptism — Acts 20.7
- Does baptism nullify faith? Is baptism more important? Am I saving myself? Am I cheapening the death of Christ?

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When?

“And in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been **buried with Him in baptism**, in which you were also **raised up** with Him **through faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

Paul, Colossians 2.11–12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears My word**, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed **out of death into life**. Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and **those who hear will live.**”

Jesus, John 5.24–25



**Will you come to the life
Jesus offers?**