

## A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

JOHN 5:24

Intro. The gospel of Christ truly is a matter of life and death - Life eternal if we obey, eternal death if we do not.

### PART I. LIFE

1. Life is only in Christ. John 14:6 *"I am the way, the truth and the life."* [ILLUS.] Man's prayer: *"Lord, help me to live while I am alive."*

2. Christ gives us life. John 10:10 *"...I come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

Romans 6:23 *"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*

### PART II. LIFE TESTED.

1. 1 Corinthians 3:13 *"Every man's work shall be made manifest...it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."*

2. Our life will determine our destiny. Matthew 7:24-25 *"Whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."*

PART III. DEATH. Romans 5:12 *"...death passed upon all men. For that all have sinned."*

1. We only live once, then comes judgment. Hebrews 9:27-28 *"And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment, So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."*

2. We must have faith. John 8:24 *"...if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."*

### PART IV. DECISION.

1. We are given a clear choice. Deuteronomy 30:15 *"See, I have set before you, life and good, and death and evil."*

2. Make the right decision as Joshua did long ago. Joshua 24:15 *"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: But as for me and my house, **WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.**"*

3. When we obey the gospel, we have life. John 5:24 *"...he that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life."*