

The New Birth – Rejectors and Receivers

John 5:24-30

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Introduction- Many years ago, I heard of a man who asked one of his Christian friends “What does it mean to be ‘saved’ “? I don’t know what answer he was given, but I assume it was good and clear, because this man did get saved and has been a committed follower of Christ for many years. In my opinion, of all the biblical terms connected with salvation, “born again” is the one most misunderstood. In John 5:24-30, Jesus did not use this term, but it is what He was talking about. From these verses and the surrounding context, let us consider the . . .

Rejectors- Who were the “you” Jesus was speaking to? (vs. 24-25)

Who else had spoken to them? (vs. 33-35)

How did they react to Jesus? (vs. 16-18, 39-40)

Do you get discouraged when you witness to people and they do not respond the way you would like? God only asks that we be faithful (I Corinthians 15:58)

Receivers- They hear-- what do they hear and how do they hear? (vs. 24-25)

They believe – (v. 24) what does this mean?

They live (vs. 24-25) what does this mean?

Who were some of those who heard, believed and lived?

How about you today, right at this very moment? Rejectors don’t have to stay rejectors (John 1:10-13)

Resurrections- How many will be resurrected (v. 28)?

Who are “those who have done what is good” (v. 29)? Romans 3:12b, Ephesians 2:8-10

Who are “those who have done what is evil” (v. 29)? Matthew 7:21-23

Final words of warning- Revelation 20:11-15