

## Jesus' Last Public Mission Statement pt 2 John 12:44–50

### John 12:44–50 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. <sup>46</sup> I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. <sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

# Introduction

One of the most influential Christian thinkers of the latter 20th century is Francis Schaeffer.

When Schaeffer was fifty-six years old, he published his first Book titled “The God Who Is There” It was the first of more than twenty books he would write before he died in 1984 at age seventy-two. These books were timely, biblical, and compelling

In this first book, Schaeffer starts with the issue of absolute truth. He argues that absolute truth is grounded in the “God Who is There.” Thus to deny His existence has resulted in a despair that has decimated the West for the last 120 years or so. This despair is visible in the areas of philosophy, art, music, general culture, and even in theology.

Shaeffer says that this *line of despair* arises when absolute truth is jettisoned. According to him, this truth is grounded in God, and when he is denied, there’s an “upper and lower story” that unfolds. First, there’s the *Upper Story or Above the Line* where faith that is not open to verification resides and this “faith” gives meaning to ones life. Second, there’s the *Lower Story or Below the Line* where rationality resides. Here the world of facts exists where reason

and knowledge are attained through science by man's ability to reason. Thus, man as the measure of all things, is reduced to being a chance machine without purpose or meaning in life. This view of knowledge and human nature results in despair.

Shaeffer notes that the *Christian Worldview* radically differs from the mechanistic worldview that brings despair. For it answers man's deepest longings and needs consistently with how his "mannishness" expresses itself. This is not a world of wishful thinking, but one of reality for *God exists!* This means that mankind is not here by chance, but by design for they bear the *image of God*.

Shaeffer goes on to explain, that because of man's alienation from God, self, others, and nature, humanity has *true guilt*. God's solution to man's plight is *Christ Jesus who rescues from God's wrath*.

This work of Christ purchased our redemption in real space, time history and is not a *a myth, but a reality*. Depending on man's response to Christ Jesus, either joy or despair is increasingly deepened in the human experience.

There was a time in the western culture that many if not most people had read or heard large portions of the Bible. It was a commonly held belief that the Bible was God's Word and revealed God to man.

Even those that were Atheist where Christian Atheist... they had enough Biblical framework to know that that was not a God they wished to believe in. They rejected the God of the Bible.

But fast forward to today, and you have a vast majority who do not even know the God of the Bible enough to reject the right one.

The Biblical illiteracy amount the population is enormous, and growing daily.

It makes me think of the Prophet Amos

## **Amos 8:11–12** (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God,

“That I will send a famine on the land,  
Not a famine of bread,  
Nor a thirst for water,  
But of hearing the words of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> They shall wander from sea to sea,  
And from north to east;  
They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,  
But shall not find *it*.

What is more sobering than this is that most do not care if they know anything of the Bible or the God of the Bible.

This reminds me of a passage in Hebrews 2  
Hebrews 2:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we **neglect** so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, <sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

### **neglect**

**ἀμελέω ameleō**; from 1 (as a neg. pref.) and 3199; *to be careless*:—care(1), neglect(2), paid no attention(1)

Thomas, R. L. (1998). [\*New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition\*](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

ameléō (from 1 /A "not" and 3199 /mélō, "have concern, be affected") – properly, without concern, unaffected, viewing something as being without significance, i.e. without perceived value ("of no moment").

### **It is used in**

Matthew 22:1–5 (NKJV)

**22** And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup> Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.” ’ <sup>5</sup> **But they made light of it** and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

Yet in the midst of all of this apathy and ignorance, The Bible still declares “The God who is there”

Through Creation Romans 1 says men are without Excuse,

And through Revelation (i.e.the Bible) men are morally culpable

Hebrews 1:1–2 (NKJV)

**1** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*....

## Lesson

- I. True Saving Faith
- II. Terminal Severing Facts
- III. Total Synergistic Faithfulness

## I. True Saving Faith

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

<sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

<sup>46</sup> I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

- 1. Continuation***
- 2. Consideration***
- 3. Consecration***

# 1. Continuation

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, “**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.**”

# 2. Consideration

45 **And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.**

45 και ο θεωρων εμε θεωρει τον πεμψαντα με

Newberry, T., & Berry, G. R. (2004).

*[The interlinear literal translation of the Greek New Testament](#)*  
(Jn 12:45). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

# 3. Consecration

John 12:46 (NKJV)

46 **I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.**

46 εγω φως εις τον κοσμον  
εληλυθα ινα πας ο πιστευων εις  
εμε εν τη σκοτια μη μεινη

Newberry, T., & Berry, G. R. (2004).

*[The interlinear literal translation of the Greek New Testament](#)*  
(Jn 12:46). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

## I. True Saving Faith



## II. Terminal Severing Facts

<sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

1. Absolute Unbelief
2. Active Rejection
3. Actual Rebellion

### 1. Absolute Unbelief

The on going continual display of Mercy by Christ that started with his cry out

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

<sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

And His statement of his purpose in verse 46

<sup>46</sup> I have come as a light into the world,  
that whoever believes in Me should not  
abide in darkness

is reaffirmed by verse 47b

....for I did not come to judge the world but to save  
the world.

This has been stated by Christ over and over.  
The purpose of the 1st Coming of Christ was  
not to Judge, but to save. To accomplish  
redemption. To make atonement for sin. To  
deliver men from darkness to light. To reveal  
God to man.

**John 3:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but that the world through Him  
might be saved.

**Matthew 18:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the Son of Man has come to save that which was  
lost.

**Matthew 20:28 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but  
to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**Luke 9:56 (NKJV)**

<sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*." And they went to another village.

**Luke 19:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

## 1 John 4:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as Savior* of the world.

<sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, *I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.*

*but to save the world.*

**Original Word:** σωζω Aorist Active Subj

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** sózō

**Phonetic Spelling:** (sode'-zo)

**Definition:** to save

**Usage:** I save, heal, preserve, rescue.

4982 sózō (from sōs, "safe, rescued") – properly, deliver out of danger and into safety; used principally of God rescuing believers from the penalty and power of sin – and into His provisions (safety).

*for I did not*  
*come to judge the world*  
*but to save the world.*

ου γαρ ηλθον ινα κρινω  
τον κοσμον αλλ ινα  
σωσω τον κοσμον

Newberry, T., & Berry, G. R. (2004). *The interlinear literal translation of the Greek New Testament* (In Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

**ινα** = hina clause of purpose, stating that Jesus came into the world, not to judge but to save the world.

Now if it was the intention and purpose to save the world, we need to ask a simple question. Did He? Has He? Will He save the world. Many to want to take the word “world” and make it every single individual person who every lived If this is the case, then the purpose of Jesus failed, because he has not and will not save every single person in the world.

2 things tell me that that is not what Jesus meant by these words.

1st. The term world in John when referring to humanity is talking about the gentile world.

John 12:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”

John 12:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

John 12:32 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”*

The word “World” and “all” in these passages does not mean every single person, But greek world and all people groups or all kinds of people.

2nd. The verb save is in the Aorist Subjunctive Form, meaning that he came in order that he might Save as a 1 time completed act. It considers the work of saving with his coming as a completed act not to be repeated or on going.

This is a direct statement regarding the work of the atonement, where by he saves his elect. All those that have believed and would believe have there atonement made in Christ. Not provided but MADE, DONE, COMPLETE, ACCOMPLISHED

So in fact, the statement, “ he came to save the world” is not a failure but rather a success, a completed act.

Matthew 20:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

the many are those that will believe, the elect of God. who have had there sins paid for at the Cross by the work of Christ Atonement!!!

<sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

judge

2919 krínō – properly, to separate (distinguish), i.e. judge; come to a choice (decision, judgment) by making a judgment – either positive (a verdict in favor of) or negative (which rejects or condemns).

J. Thayer comments that "the proper meaning of 2919 (krínō) is to pick out (choose) by separating" (as also used in Homer, Herodotus, Aeschyl., Xenophon, Plato).

**2919** /krínō ("distinguish, judge") typically refers to making a determination of right or wrong (innocence or guilt), especially on an official (legal) standard. We only judge (**2919** /krínō) accurately by intelligent comparison and contrast based on God's word, i.e. to approve (prefer) what is correct and reject what is inferior (wrong).

[**2919** (krínō) is used of "bringing to trial" (the trying of fact) in a court of law.

2919 (krinō) originally meant "separate." So Homer, of Ceres separating the grain from the chaff (Iliad, v, 501). Thence, 'to distinguish, to pick out, to be of opinion, to judge' " (WS, 418).]

Some will say, but he said he came to judge.

John 9:39 (NKJV)

<sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

John 12:31 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

John 12:39–40 (NKJV)



<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

<sup>40</sup> “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,  
 Lest they should see with *their* eyes,  
 Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,  
*So that I should heal them.*”  
[sure sounds like judgment to me.](#)

These verses refer to the immediate personal judgment that Jesus brings just by his presence. The judgment occurs along fault lines. belief and unbelief, seeing and blinding, light and darkness. submission and rebellion.

No matter where men are and the gospel is preached. Men, draw a conclusion about Christ and bring judgement on themselves

## **2 Corinthians 2:15–16 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?

**The term Judgement in this passage 12:47, is talking about future, eschatological final judgement.** This is what He did not come for on the first coming, but is coming for in the second coming.

### **John 5:22–27 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

<sup>24</sup> “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. <sup>25</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

So do not take the statement “I do not judge him” to mean that you will not be judged, but rather understand that the final judgment is coming as referred to in this very passage

**John 12:48** (NKJV)

48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

### 3 Things that are Terminal, Deadly, Eternally Condemning.

1. Absolute Unbelief
2. Active Rejection
3. Actual Rebellion

## 1. Absolute Unbelief

47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe,

47 και εαν τις μου ακουση των ρηματων και μη πιστευση

**If any one** (ἐάν τις [*ean tis*]). Third-class condition with ἐάν [*ean*] and first aorist active subjunctive (ἀκουσῆ [*akousēi*]) of ἀκουω [*akouō*]

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Jn 12:47). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

**hears ακουση** aorist verb

**does not believe, μη πιστευση** aorist verb

**does not keep them ESV**

**φυλασσω**

**phulassó: to guard, watch**

**Original Word:** φυλάσσω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** phulassó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (foo-las'-so)

**Definition:** to guard, watch

**Usage:** (a) I guard, protect; mid: I am on my guard, (b) act. and mid. of customs and regulations: I keep, observe.

5442 phylássō (akin to 5441 /phýlaks, "a military guard") – properly, preserve by "having an eye on" (J. Thayer), referring to the uninterrupted vigilance shepherds show in keeping their flocks (see Lk 2:8, used with 5438 /phylaké, "a military guard," i.e. exercising unbroken vigilance as a military guard).

5442 /phylássō ("keep watch over, keep secure") emphasizes the needed vigilance to keep what is entrusted. Thus 5442 (phylássō) is often used in the NT in the Greek middle voice meaning, "Personally be on guard against," stressing the constant, personal interest involved with the guarding.

**Matthew 7:24–27** (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

### **James 2:14** (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

### James 2:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

**My words**

των ρηματων

rhéma (from 4483 /rhéō, "to speak") – a spoken word, made "by the living voice" (J. Thayer). 4487 / rhéma ("spoken-word") is commonly used in the NT (and in LXX) for the Lord speaking His dynamic, living word in a believer to inbirth faith ("His inwrought persuasion").

Ro 10:17: "So faith proceeds from (spiritual) hearing; moreover this hearing (is consummated) through a rhēma-word (4487 /rhéma) from Christ" (Gk text).

He is not talking about General words about God or a higher power, or intelligent design.

Those are insufficient to save.

You must believe the Words of Christ.

Who He claimed to be.

What he said about himself

What he said about God, Sin, atonement, forgiveness, Heaven, Hell, Salvation, the way to Heaven.

**1. Absolute Unbelief**

**2. Active Rejection**

John 12:48 (NKJV)

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**48 ο αθετων εμε και μη λαμβανων τα ρηματα μου εχει τον κρινοντα αυτον ο λογος ον ελαλησα εκεινος κρινει αυτον εν τη εσχατη ημερα**

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## **He who rejects**

### **ο αθετων Pres. Act. Participle**

**Rejecteth** (ἀθετων [*athetōn*]). Present active participle of ἀθετεω [*atheteō*], late *Koiné* verb (from ἀθετος [*athetos*], α [*a*] privative, and τιθημι [*tithēmi*]), to render null and void, only here in John,

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Jn 12:48). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

1. In profane Gk. ἀθετέω means “to regard as nought,” “to declare invalid,” “to set aside,” e.g., an agreement between cities, Ditt. Or., II, 444, 18, cf. the legal tt. ἀθέτησις, “declaration of invalidity,” BGU, I, 44, 16 (102 b.c.); τινί “to deny one’s assent” to something, Polyb., 12, 14, 6; pass. “to be stricken” from a list, P. Tebt., I, 74, 29 (2nd cent. b.c.); “to act

treacherously towards someone,” “to break with him,” Polyb., 11, 36, 10.

Maurer, C. (1964–). [τίθημι, ἀθετέω, ἀθέτησις, ἐπιτίθημι, ἐπίθεσις, μετατίθημι, μετάθεσις, παρατίθημι, παραθήκη, \[παρακαταθήκη\], προτίθημι, πρόθεσις, προστίθημι](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 8, p. 158). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

3. In the NT ἀθετέω means a. “to invalidate a matter,” “to declare it invalid,”

Maurer, C. (1964–). [τίθημι, ἀθετέω, ἀθέτησις, ἐπιτίθημι, ἐπίθεσις, μετατίθημι, μετάθεσις, παρατίθημι, παραθήκη, \[παρακαταθήκη\], προτίθημι, πρόθεσις, προστίθημι](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 8, p. 158). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

### Galatians 2:21 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

### Mark 7:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> He said to them, “*All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.*”

### Mark 12:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> *Have you not even read this Scripture:*

*‘The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.*

### Mark 8:31 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the



elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

### **Isaiah 53:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected by men,  
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.  
And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;  
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

### **Hebrews 6:4–6 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

### **Hebrews 10:29–31 (NKJV)**

<sup>29</sup> Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant

by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, “*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*” says the Lord. And again, “*The Lord will judge His people.*”  
<sup>31</sup> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### **Luke 10:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

### **Hebrews 12:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

- 1. Absolute Unbelief**
- 2. Active Rejection**
- 3. Actual Rebellion**

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the

word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

48 ο αθετων εμε και μη λαμβανων τα ρηματα μου εχει τον κρινοντα αυτον ο λογος ον ελαλησα εκεινος κρινει αυτον εν τη εσχατη ημερα

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**does not receive**

**μη λαμβανων Pres. Act Part**

**ambanó: to take, receive**

**Original Word:** λαμβάνω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** lambanó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (lam-ban'-o)

**Definition:** to take, receive

**Usage:** (a) I receive, get, (b) I take, lay hold of.

2983 lambánō (from the primitive root, lab-, meaning "actively lay hold of to take or receive," see NAS dictionary) – properly, to lay hold by aggressively (actively) accepting what is available (offered). 2983 /lambánō ("accept with initiative") emphasizes the volition (assertiveness) of the receiver.

John 1:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

John 8:37 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

John 8:43 (NKJV)

<sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

John 8:47 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

John 14:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

**John 12:48 (NKJV)**

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

48 ο αθετων εμε και μη  
 λαμβανων τα **ρηματα** μου **εχει**  
τον κρινοντα αυτον ο λογος ον  
ελαλησα εκεινος κρινει αυτον εν  
τη εσχατη ημερα

**ο λογος**

**the word that I have spoken will judge**  
**him in the last day.**

The words of Christ that they have rejected and refused and do not believe are the very words that will Judge them.

The work logos is used to refer to the whole body of words, saying, commands that Christ has given will judge them.

This would reach beyond his actual words he spoke while on earth, but also the apostolic and OT prophetic words God spoke, all are His words.

Deuteronomy 18:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.

Hebrews 12:25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

I. True Saving Faith

II. Terminal Severing Facts

**III. Total Synergistic Faithfulness**

<sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

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<sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

## John 3:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

## John 3:32–34 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup> And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup> He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

## John 7:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

## John 8:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

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## 2. Seriousness

<sup>50</sup>And I know that His command is everlasting life.

John 5:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

**John 6:38–40 (NKJV)**

<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

**John 6:68 (NKJV)**



<sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

### **1 John 3:22–23 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup> And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

### **1 John 5:11–13 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

### **1 John 5:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him

who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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### **3. Singleness**

<sup>50</sup> **And I know that His command is everlasting life.**

**Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”**

#### **Deuteronomy 18:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

#### **John 14:24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> **He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.**