

Chapter 5

- v. 1 **Feast** — The feast mentioned is probably the Passover. This would be the second of four mentioned in John. This makes Jesus 31 years old here.
- v. 3 **Waiting** — We're in chapter 5 with a pool of five porches where lame people are — signifying the number of death. Spiritually this is a dead church where people are sitting and waiting for something to move them.
- v. 4 **Angel** — This is one of those odd texts that are criticized as not belonging. Remember, there were other strange happenings like demon activity.
- v. 5 **Thirty and eight** — See also Deuteronomy 2:14. It took 38 years for God to kill off the disobedient generation of Israel. They had two years before inhabiting the promised land. When this man is healed, Jesus has two years left to prepare Israel for a potential kingdom.
- v. 6 **Wilt thou be made whole?** — It seems like a strange question, but many people will not do what it takes to get right.
- v. 7 If you remove verse 4 you must remove this verse too because he speaks of the troubled waters.
While I am coming — This man show faith that triggers God's grace. He made an effort.
- v. 9 At His first Passover, Jesus cleansed the temple. Here He heals on the Sabbath. Jesus would do this seven times: Mark 1:21-27; Mark 1:29-31; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 13:10-17; Luke 14:1-6; John 5:1-9; John 9:6, 7, 14.
- v. 14 **Temple** — This man shows the fruit of a real conversion. He testifies and goes to the place of worship.
Sin no more — The penalty of sin after salvation can be the chastisement of God.
- v. 15 **It was Jesus** — We ought to testify of the one who made us whole.
- v. 17 Jesus makes Himself one with God in works.
- v. 18 **Equal with God** — The Jews knew that being the Son of God means being God (John 1:49; 10:30-36; 19:6-8; Hebrews 1:8).
- v. 19 Jesus is clear that He is **the** Son of God. He is one with God in will (essence).
- v. 20 He is one with God in **intelligence**.
- v. 21 He is one with God in **power**.

- v. 22 He is one with God in **judgment**.
- v. 23 **Honour** — He is one with God in honor. That's why people call a judge (verse 22) "your honor." A mortal man wouldn't dare ask to share this with God. All men will honor Jesus as Savior or judge — "every knee shall bow."
- v. 24 **Shall not** — Eternal security is plain here.
- v. 25 **Shall live** — This will happen physically and spiritually (Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13).
- v. 26 He is one with God in **life**.
- v. 27 Jesus is one with God in **authority**.
- v. 29 **Resurrection of life** — All saved (Matthew 27:52; 1 Corinthians 15:23, 24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:40-42; Revelation 20:4-6).
Resurrection of damnation — All unsaved (Revelation 20:11-15).
- v. 32 Jesus gives 4 witnesses of Himself — John the Baptist (verse 33), His works (verse 36), the Father (verse 37), and the Scriptures (verse 39).
- v. 34 He doesn't need testimony from man.
- v. 35 **Burning and a shining** — This light could be felt and seen.
For a season — We depend on the faith of others to see us through until we launch out on our own.
- v. 37 **Seen his shape** — He can't be seen in this realm.
- v. 38 They have refused the word.
- v. 39 **Search the scriptures** — This is a search warrant from God. Not for heaven, earth, or hell, but His word. See also Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15. Jesus is in every Old Testament book (Luke 24:27).
All salvation experiences are connected to the word of God.
There were 39 books to search mentioned here in verse 39.
- v. 40 They refused to come.
- v. 42 They refused the love.
- v. 43 They refused to receive Him. They are respecters of men more than God.
Barabbas was chosen over Christ as will the Antichrist be.

- v. 44 **One of another** — Honor from men means nothing when God is left out.
From God — They refused to give Him honor — “The fear of man bringeth a snare.”
- v. 45 **Moses** — The law accuses and condemns. They refused Christ and trusted their works (Revelation 20:12).
- v. 47 It’s important to know the Old Testament. It completes the New Testament. Don’t expect Jesus’ teachings to be embraced by those who reject the 10 commandments. This confirms Genesis – Deuteronomy including the creation account.