

Hebrews 9:26-28 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after **this the judgment**, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Judgment 1...

Believers as to SIN

The Basis of Judgment is Christ's finished work. Justification as to the believer.

This judgment is past.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

John 5:24-29 "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. 25 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. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

As soon as the sinner accepts Christ as his personal Savior that settles the Sin question. **For if our iniquities are laid on Him (Jesus), then they are not on us Isaiah 53:5-6.**

Christ died on the cross to atone for sin, to pay the penalty of Adam's disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Sin is that tendency in mankind to do wrong we call Natural Immorality. We do not get rid of this tendency by the New birth, but we get a counteracting force called the New nature, and which will prevail depends on which we feed and which we starve.

Sins are the outward acts of wrongdoing that we commit as the result of our tendency to sin. These sins must be put away daily by confession.

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

The Discipline of God to all who are Sons...

Hebrews 12:5-11 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Our duty then as Sons is to self-judge ourselves daily, "Confess our sins".

Judgment 2...

Believers as to Works

The basis of judgment - their works.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The time of this judgment is when the Lord comes (1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.)

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

It will not be a judgment in the sense of a trial to see whether the judged are innocent (saved) or guilty (lost), for it is a judgment of the saved only. It will be like the judge's stand at a fair or race track, where rewards are distributed to the successful contestants. Paul describes such a scene in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

It is not a judgment for sin, but for works,

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

The result of this judgment is reward or loss. All our bad and dead works represented by the wood, hay and stubble, will be consumed and only our good works will remain.

Judgment 3...

The Jews

Time – During the great tribulation

The Basis of their judgment is their rejection of the Godhead.

Because of their sin they have been scattered among the nations until the Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. When the Times of the Gentiles are about to end the Jews will be gathered back to the Holy Land Unconverted and caused to pass under the rod, God will restore Israel... Ezekiel 20:33-38 "As I live," says the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. 34 I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. 36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord God. 37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38 I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

They will be cast into God's Melting pot... Ezekiel 22:17-22 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me; they are all bronze, tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace; they have become dross from silver. 19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave you there and melt you. 21 Yes, I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out My fury on you.'"

And they will pass through an experience spoken of by Jeremiah and Daniel as the Time of Jacob's Trouble...

Jeremiah 30:4-7 Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah. 5 "For thus says the Lord: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? 7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book.

The result of this judgment will be that the Jews will call in their misery upon the Lord... Zechariah 12:10-11 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Then Christ will come back to Mount of Olives... Zechariah 14:1-3 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle,

The Jews will look on Him who they pierced and the Jewish nation will be born (converted) in that day.

Judgment 4...

THE NATIONS

Time: the glorious appearing of Christ second coming (Matt. 25:31-32; Matt. 13:40-41).

Matthew 25:31-32 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Matthew 13:37-43 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Place: the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:1-2,12-14).

Joel 3:1-2 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

Joel 3:12-14 "Let the nations be wakened and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow — For their wickedness is great." 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Result: some saved, some lost (Matt. 25:46).

Matthew 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Basis: The treatment of those whom Christ their calls, "my brethren" (Matt. 25:40-45; Joel 3:3,6- 7). These "brethren" we believe are the Jewish remnant who shall turn to Jesus as their Messiah during "the great tribulation" which follows the taking away of the church and is terminated by the glorious appearing of our Lord (Matt. 24:21-22; Rev. 7:14; 2 Thess. 2:3-9).

The Sheep represent one class of Nations (the righteous), and the goats another class (the wicked), while the brethren represent the Jews (Christ brethren).

The church will be associated with Christ in this judgment, for the Saints (the church) shall judge the world (Nations), 1 Corinthians 6:2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

This prophecy clearly states that there is to be a Judgment of Nations on the earth in the valley of Jehoshaphat at the time of the restoration of the Jews to their own land, and that the basis of Judgment is the treatment by the nations of Christ's brethren (The Jews).

During the tribulation period the Nations that treat the Jewish people kindly, feeding them, visiting them will be the sheep nations, while those who neglect to do so will be the goat nations.

Christ will say to the sheep nations since you have been kind to My brethren (the Jews) come, be blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. This kingdom is the Millennial kingdom that the sheep nations in possess and inherit.

Revelation 21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Christ's sentence upon the Goat nations will be, "depart from me you are cursed into everlasting fire."

Judgment 5...

The Great White Throne – The Wicked Dead

The account of it is given in **Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**

It will take place at the close of the Millennium. This judgment will take place either during or right before the renovation of the earth by fire because of what Peter wrote in **2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

The Great white throne is the judgment of the wicked. If any Righteous die between the first Resurrection and the Resurrection of the wicked or second resurrection, they will rise with the wicked dead at that resurrection.

The words - **...anyone not found written in the Book of Life** implies that there will be some righteous at this second resurrection.

Who will be judged?

In Revelation 20:12 we are told that **"The dead, small and great"** refers to those who have lived throughout history and regardless of their stature or position, died without acknowledging and accepting Christ's death on Calvary payment for their sins. Revelation 20:13 states that whether in the Earth or sea, in a grave or mausoleum, the ashes or earthly remains of these deceased will be raised and united with their souls and spirits so that they can stand in a resurrected form before Jesus as he sits at the Great White Throne.

Let us understand this very important passage clearly.

We know that when saved individuals die that their souls are in the presence of God, awaiting eternal reward which occurs after The Rapture. What this means is that we are in Heaven, but have not yet received our rewards until our judgment.

However, the story is much less appealing for individuals who chose not to accept Jesus as their savior and have died. The Bible tells us that all of the unsaved people are kept in a place called Hades (Hell) until the Millennium Kingdom is over and the Great White Throne Judgment begins. Hades is a temporary place of torment that these souls are kept in until they have to appear before God in this final judgment, which will then determine their eternal fate once and for all.

The New King James Version calls this place Hades. However, the Original King James Version calls this place Hell. Either way, Hell or Hades is a temporary place of torment where all unbelievers go to before this final judgment comes to pass. And if these individuals thought Hell was a terrible place to be, unfortunately for them, they have not seen the worst.

As was stated above, unbeliever's souls will be called up from Hell by God and will be reunited with the remains of their Earthly bodies as they are judged at The Great White Throne Judgment. Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29 and Acts 24:15 all describe a resurrection of the just and unjust.

Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Acts 24:15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

John and Daniel further explain that at this resurrection the saved will be raised to eternal life while the unsaved will be raised to shame and condemnation. The Bible is clear; at The Great White Throne Judgment, every single person since the beginning of time who has turned their back on the Lord will all have one thing in common. Hades will be emptied and their souls that have been in unbelievable torment will be reunited with their body and stand before Christ to accept responsibility for their lives - a truly sobering thought.

All the fallen angels who are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness will be judged at this time... Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; When this judgment is over the Devil and his angels and all the ungodly will have been sent to the Lake of Fire.

Next week lesson is on the Anti-Christ