

Basic Christianity II “Eternal Judgment”

Intro: Acts 17:30-31 (KJV)

[The Nature of Judgment]

1. John 5:22 (KJV)

Final judgment is committed to Jesus

(not family / friends / Democrat or Republican / Supreme Court)

2. John 5:30 (KJV)

Hebrews 1:8-9 (KJV)

Jesus will judge righteously as the Son of God and Man

- It is His love and mercy that absolutely qualifies Him to be the judge of all
- His judgments are pure, just and without flaw

3. There are two very different judgments revealed in Scripture – that of believers and unbelievers

4. Judgment (Greek – Strong’s 2919)

- A decision for or against
- To render a verdict
- Damnation / condemnation
- To avenge

There are negative judgments (wrath / punishment) with a holy God.

- This is what we are saved FROM (Romans 5:8 / I Thessalonians 1:10)
Matthew 3:7 (ref)
This is what John the Baptist and Jesus warned us to flee

There are positive judgments (rewards)

- This is what we are saved FOR
- Eternity with God / new heaven, new earth ...

Matthew 25:40 (ref) Hell was created for the devil and his angels, and God is not willing for any to perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9 – ref.)

NOTE: While I’m uncomfortable sharing on a devil’s hell, I’m more uncomfortable with ignoring it.

As unpleasant and unpopular as this truth is, we must warn everyone everywhere.

- Jude did
- II Peter 2:1-22 (whole chapter)

II Timothy 4:1-3 (KJV)

Revelation 20:10-15 (KJV)

Great White Throne judgment (unbelievers only)

- (John 8:24) The wicked are said to have “died in their sins”
- (II Thessalonians 1:6-10) The unrighteous will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord
- Mark 9:46 / Luke 16:28 describes a place of fire and torment
- Matthew 8:12 / Matthew 23:13 / Matthew 25:30 a place of complete darkness

You have been saved FROM this judgment!!

Romans 14:10-12 (KJV)

I Corinthians 3:12-15 (KJV)

Judgment Seat of Christ (believers only)

- This is where all our works on earth are judged (rewards given)
It is NOT ANY JUDGMENT FOR SIN (Jesus bore that)
- This judgment is for our motives and actions
- Those done out of a pure heart and love for God and people will be rewarded (labor of love and work of faith)
- Everything else is burned up in fire (purging fire, NOT punishing fire)

[The Scriptures refer to these as crowns]

1. Crown of life (James 1:12 / Revelation 2:10)

This reward is for faithfulness, even unto death

2. Crown of glory (I Peter 5:2-4 / Luke 10:30-35)

This reward is for godly oversight of God’s flock (sheep)

Those who receive us (supports) receive our rewards (Matthew 10:41)

3. Crown of righteousness (II Timothy 4:7-8)

I John 3:1-3 (KJV)

This reward is for purity and seeking purity

4. Crown of rejoicing (Daniel 12:3 / I Thessalonians 2:19)

Rewards for soul winning

The joy when we meet and see all who are there because of our faithful witness

5. An incorruptible crown (I Corinthians 9:24-27)

Reward for discipline and self-control as we pursue God’s will

Revelation 4:8-11 (KJV)

“If Jesus values these crowns as gifts to us, then we should, as we lay them at His feet in thanksgiving for our great salvation.”