

The Great White Throne Judgment. (Rev. 20:11-15)

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Reflection: Last week we closed by asking Since God's Word is the basis of: Our Victory in Life (Jn 10:10); Our Confidence in death (2 Cor 5); Our Position in eternity! (Mt 25:14-30)

What role should it have in our lives today?

Ps 73:24 *"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel..."* What if we refuse His Counsel? (Pr. 1:20-33)

Ps 16:11 *"Thou wilt shew me the path of life."* What if we refuse to follow His paths? (Mt. 7:13)

God wants us to know Him! Jn 17:3,4 *"This is life eternal, that they might know thee!"*

Christianity isn't a "Religion", but rather a Relationship with God made possible through Christ!

Jn. 10:9-11, 14 *"I am the door... by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (sozo: delivered) Col. 1:13*

The thief cometh ... to steal, ... kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that ... abundantly.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep..." Why? (Ro. 6:23; 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21)"

But what happens to those who refuse to come to, and follow, the good shepherd?

God's Word our guide in life well as the standard by which We'll be judged! Eccl. 12:13,14

Heb. 9:27 *"It is appointed unto men once do die, but after this, the Judgment!"* (Krisis: Justice)

The Bible teaches that every human being will be evaluated before one of two very different and distinct "Judgment Seats."

The Bema Seat of Christ (For born again Christians) (1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:10-21)



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(for non Christians) (Rev. 20:11-15)

1. Who is the Judge? Rev. 20:11 **Jesus!**

Jn. 5:22 *"the Father... hath committed all judgment unto the son."*

2. Who will be judged? Rev. 20:11-15 The Lost of all ages!

Rev. 20:12 *"I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God... and the dead were judged..."*

Those who died without being born again. (Jn 3:3)

A. The Natural man of 1 Cor. 2:14 *"receiveth not the things of the spirit, neither can he know them"*

1) They've been blinded by Satan. 2 Cor. 4:3,4 *"hid to them that are lost" (apollymi: destroyed)*

2) This was all of us at some point. Eph. 2:1-3 *"you hath he quickened, (made spiritually alive!)*

who were dead in trespasses and sins; (see Ro. 6:23) 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath!" (See John 8:44)

3. How (On what basis) are they judged? Rev. 20:12,13

Rev. 20:13 *"the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death (the grave see verse 5) and hell (hades: the soul Lk 16:19-31) delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works"*

Vs 12 *and the dead Were judged (Krisis: sentenced) out of those things which were written in the books,"*

A. What are these books a record of?

1) Book of **Works**. Rev. 20:12 *"according to their works" (also in vs 13)*

Mt 10:26 *"there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."*

2) Book of **Words**. Mt 12:36-37 *"every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment."*

- 3) Book of *thoughts* 1 Cor. 4:5 *"until the Lord come, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts."*
 Heb. 4:12 *"the word of God is quick and powerful . . . Piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts, and intents of the heart. . ."* (See also Mt. 5:28; Proverbs 4:23)
- 4) The Book of *Life*. Vs 12 *"and another book was opened, which is the book of life. . . 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*
- a) Mentioned by name 8x in the New Testament. (Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; 22:19)
 - b) Identifies those who have been "Born again". Jn 3:3; Rev. 13:8;9
 - c) This is a direct result of our response to God's Word. 1 Pt 1:23 *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, By the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."*
 - d) Jesus repeatedly warned us about this! Mt. 7:23 *"then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*
 Mt 25:41 *"Then shall he say . . . Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"*
 - e) He died to make eternal life possible! Lk 19:10 *"the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* (apol'lymi: perish 33x, destroy 26x)
 - f) If you fail to trust him, you'll face this day!
 Jn 8:24 *"if ye believe (pisteuo: commit to) not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*
 Jn 3:16-18 *"he that believeth is not condemned. He that believeth not is condemned already!"*
- 5) Since God's word is the source of spiritual life; It will be One Of These Books!
 Jn 12:47-48 *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."*

4. When will they be judged.

A. After the conclusion of:

- 1) The Millennial Age of Christ Rev. 20:1-6
- 2) The final rebellion (and judgment) of Satan. Rev. 20:7-10

B. Why then?

- 1) The effect of our choices will outlive us! Rev. 14:13 *"Their works do follow them."*
- 2) This is true of everyone. (Good and bad!) (See Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10)

5. How will they be judged? Rev 20:13-15 *"they were judged . . . according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (Ro. 6:23; Ezek. 18:4,20) whosoever not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

Application: 2 Cor. 5:11 *"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, We persuade men."*
 Vs 19 *"God was in Christ, reconciling (katalasso: mutually changing) the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."*

katallagē': exchange through atonement!

21 *"for God made him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin, (See Ro. 6:23) That we might be made the righteousness Of God, In Him!" (See Isaiah 53!)*

2 Cor. 6:1,2 *"Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation"*

Have you heard Him? Have you answered him?