

### **The Judgement**

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**<sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. John 5:24–27**

What happens to us after death and in the future?

Death is the great equalizer of all people and life goes on – even after we die.

- The great and the small die.
- The famous and the unknown die.
- The rich and the poor die.
- Whether you are missed or forgotten.
- Death equalizes us all.

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The Bible teaches us that every person has an immortal soul.

The Bible teaches us that our souls **do not** hang around in the earth in a state of limbo.

The Bible teaches us that:

- There are No ghosts, as in no human spirits hanging in the air.
- There is no way to communicate with someone after they have died.
- There is nothing anyone on earth can do to influence where the soul goes or what becomes of it.

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- The separation is not going to be between good people and bad people.
- The separation is not going to be between generous people and stingy people.
- The separation is not going to be between the religious or the unreligious.
- The separation is not going to be between the popular and the hated.

➤ *The distinction of the destination of where we go after we die is between those who have trusted in the complete work of Jesus Christ and those who have rejected Jesus Christ's saving work on their behalf.*

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➤ *God has promised judgement for all who have and will ever live on earth --- including for Christians.*

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**Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1**

- *Christian's **will not** be judged according to the sinful nature we were born with because we have been saved and set free from that sinful nature.*
- *Christians **will be** judged for the works we do in the body, after we become a Christian.*
- *As in, our deeds, our works, our words, our actions in this life*

## **“Five Separate Future Judgements.”**

### **1. The Judgment Seat of Christ.**

The first Judgement will be the “judgment of the believer’s works,” called “The Judgment Seat of Christ.”

### **2. The Judgment of Regathered Israel.**

Daniel 12:1 this judgment is called “**The Time of Jacob’s Trouble.**” It is the punishment of the Jews for their disobedience to God and their rejection of Jesus Christ.

### **3. The Judgment of the Living Nations.**

**“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” Joel 3:1-2**

### **4. The Judgment of Fallen Angels.**

**“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” Jude 6.**

### **5. The Judgment of the Unbelieving Dead.**

The Great White Throne Judgment.

After the casting of Satan into Hell, the wicked dead will be raised to receive their final sentence of condemnation. Revelation 20:12-15.

The “**Future Judgment of the Believer**” is the one judgement that most Christians know very little about.

- What happens at the Judgement seat of Christ?
- How do rewards and loss of rewards work?
- What awaits us in heaven?

(This will be our focus next week.)