

The Final Judgment

The Bible teaches that there will be a coming judgment. We need to understand more clearly what the judgment is about. To be caught unprepared for the judgment means one would miss heaven and suffer eternally in hell.

- **Every person will be *judged* by Jesus Christ.**

“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: (2Tim. 4:1).

“And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separated them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats” (Mt. 25:32).

There is no escaping the judgment of God.

- **Every person will be *judged* because they are responsible to God.**

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life” (Gal. 6:7-8).

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

- **Every person will be *judged* by the same standard – The Bible.**

God’s judgment is fair and righteous. We are all judged individually, not as nations, congregations, or even families. We are all judged according to the same standard – the Word of God.

“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day: (John 12:48).

We are not held accountable for the actions of other people. We will be judged for what we have done.

“The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father’s iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son’s iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself: (Ezek. 18:20).

Some of the things we will be judged for:

- Actions of our life (2 Cor. 5:10)
- Words we have said (Mt. 12:36-37)
- Thoughts we have had (1 Cor. 4:5)
- Way we treated others (Mt. 7:2, Jas 2:13)
- Obedience to the Gospel (Mk 16:16; 2 Thess. 1:8)

The Judgment of God is Final.

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15).

There is no second chance after the judgment. There is no opportunity to make things right with the Lord after the judgment. The Bible shows that God’s judgment is final.

Every person needs to be ready for the judgment.

“Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour” (Mt. 25:13).

A person becomes ready by abiding in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9) and humbly seeking the forgiveness of God (Acts 2:38).

Are you ready for the coming Judgment?

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