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The Judgments...

The Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment

Two (2) Judgments

Every person will be judged but the born again and the unborn again will be in different judgment seats for judgment.

In heaven, judgment will be at:

- 1. Judgment seat of Christ, and**
- 2. The great white throne**

Judgment Seat of Christ

Judgment seat of Christ is only for the people who have confessed with their mouth and believed in their heart in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:9: "That if you shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved."

It is a judgment seat for the saints only; those for salvation.

*2 Cor 5:10: "For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad."*

*Rom 14:10: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ.**"*

In the judgment seat of Christ, saints will receive crowns or rewards according to their work of God on earth and according to the treasures they have laid in heaven.

How rich are you in heaven?

1 Cor 3:13 – 15: “Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”

The Great White Throne

The great white throne is for the unborn-again (the lost); people who neither accepted nor believed in Jesus Christ. They rebelled and rejected God’s only son, Jesus Christ.

Rev 20:11 – 12, “And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

Rev 20:13 – 15, “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

The great white throne is for eternal damnation where people will be cast in the lake of fire.

Rev 20:15, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

When you choose Christ and confess your sins...and repent of those sins, you escape God’s wrath. You will be in heaven for eternity.

The Scripture affords many assurances for the Christian...and those same Scriptures encourage the Christian to live for the day...and the future!

- **Jesus is praying for us.**

Jesus takes up for you (the Christian)

“Because Jesus lives forever, He will never stop serving as priest. So He is able always to save those who come to God through Him because He always lives, asking God to help them.” (Hebrews 7:24-25)

Other translations:

“He always lives to intercede for them.” (NIV)

“He is always living to plead on their behalf.” (NEB)

“He’s....always on the job to speak up for them.” (MSG).

Evil must pass through Christ before it can touch you....and, God will “never let you be pushed past your limit; He’ll always be there to help you come through it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

“The Lord knows how to rescue godly men/women from trials” (1 Peter 2:9).

And....He will rescue you.

He will rescue His children on the day Christ comes!

It is true...while on life’s journey...we will experience trouble: Disease will afflict bodies, Divorce will break hearts, Death will make widows and devastation will destroy countries....and evil will slaughter thousands in one act that tears down a building.

We should not expect anything else from the old devil....the evil one!

But....just because the devil shows up and laughs at us...we needn’t panic!

WHY? BECAUSE: “In this world you will have tribulation,” Jesus promises, “but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33).

JESUS HELPS US TO OVERCOME THE JUDGMENT OF SIN...BY HIS BLOOD WE ARE SAVED WITH THE ASSURANCE OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

Who will be judged?

Everyone who has ever lived.

✓ Matthew 25:32, “Before Him (the Son of Man) will be gathered all the nations.”

✓ Judgment Seat of Christ...2 Corinthians 5:10 Paul writes, “for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” This is the judgment of the Christians.

✓ The Great White Throne Judgment..Revelation 20:11-13...This is the judgment of the unsaved.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it.....And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened.....the dead were judged

according to what they had done as recorded in the books....and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Much we don't know about the judgment...but we can trust the witnesses who cry from heaven: "Yes, Lord God All-Powerful, your judgments are honest and fair" (Rev. 16:7).

What will be judged?

Simply put: all things that we have done or not done in this present life (sin of omission and commission).

2 Cor. 5:10 is clear; "For we must all (Christians) appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

Deeds.....Words.....Thoughts.

"God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil" (Eccles. 12:14).

"On the day of judgment, men will render account for every careless word they utter" (Matthew 12:36).

Jesus said... "Everything that is hidden will be shown, and everything that is secret will be made known."

So.....then...each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:10)

Why will Christians be judged?

Don't we have a new wardrobe? Aren't we clothed in the righteousness of Christ? Answer: Yes...washed in the blood of Jesus.

Haven't our sins been cast as far as the east is from the west?

Answer: They have!

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1)

Because we are clothed in Christ, we can be without fear on the day God judges us.

But if we are clothed in Christ, why do we need a judgment at all?

Two reasons...maybe more:

(1) So our rewards can be unveiled.

(2) So that God's grace can be revealed.

(1)...Our service does not earn our salvation. Our service does, however, impact our rewards.

Rewards are due in addition to our crowns.

How are they judged? 1 Corinthians 3:13-15.

“That Day will appear with fire, and the fire will test everyone’s work to show what sort of work it was. If the building that has been put on the foundation still stands, the builder will get a reward. But if the building is burned up, the builder will suffer loss. The builder will be saved, but it will be as one who escaped from a fire.”

Note: Both builders will be saved, but only one will be rewarded.

And that reward will be on the basis of works.

We are saved by grace....and we are rewarded according to deeds.

Anything beyond that is speculation.

<p>VERY IMPORTANT: Remember this...although our secret sins will be revealed, the sins of the saved will be revealed as forgiven sins.....pardoned transgressions...</p>

(2) So that God’s grace can be revealed!

As our sins are revealed....God’s tabulated list of grace is proclaimed!

God’s merciful verdict will echo through the universe. We will...and only then will understand the depth of His goodness. This is God’s grace.

“The one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame” (1 Peter 2:6).

Heads bowed in shame...as sins are revealed to heaven’s population? Answer: NO!

Shame is a child of self-centeredness. Heaven’s occupants are not self-centered, they are Christ-centered.

You will be in your sinless state. No resentment...just worship.

Heads bowed in worship? NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

God’s love for us....is unchanging...and the truth of His Word....is without fault!

Note: Some of the thoughts on “God’s Judgment” came from the book by Max Lucado, “When Christ Comes,” (see links, maranathatoday.com).