

## CHRISTIANS WILL BE JUDGED

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 Romans 14:10-13 1 Corinthians 2:12-15

**Introduction:** It is important that Christians witness to the lost as they will one day stand before God in judgment and if they are still without Jesus as their Savior, there is a terrible fate that awaits them. They are strangers to God, unknown, having never become a part of His family, thus doomed. It is also important for Christians to think about the day when they, too, will stand before God. God has said that we are not to judge one another for if we do, He will judge us in the same manner. God makes it very clear that He is the Judge, not any of us.

### I. CHRISTIANS WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

1. It is not a probability, not a possibility, but it is a certainty. Every Christian has a definite appointment to stand before Christ for the injustices of life demand a time of justice.
  - How many Christians have been misjudged or misunderstood?
  - How many Christians have lived their whole lives suffering from damage done to them by others?
  - How many Christians have served faithfully, yet have received no recognition from anybody?
  - How many Christians have spent a lifetime abused, pushed around, ignored, etc.
  - The daily injustice the world throws at Christians demands a time of justice.
2. Sadly, Christians are guilty of judging others. Paul reminds that the same type of judgment a Christian gives to his/her fellows will be the same type God will judge him/her with.
  - The critical tongue needs to be silenced to avoid being judged in the same manner.
  - The practice of critically judging others must be stopped.
  - Condemning others must be ended.
  - It needs to be remembered that how the Christian judges others, so he/she will be judged.

### II. EVERY CHRISTIAN WILL APPEAR BEFORE CHRIST

1. *"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God..."* Make no mistake, every Christian will be judged.
  - The strong and the weak.
  - The talented and the untalented.
  - The leaders and the followers.
  - The active for Christ and those who are inactive.
  - Those who are stewards of what God has given and those who are not.
  - No one shall be excused nor omitted. Every single Christian will appear before God without exception and without excuse.
2. Christians will appear before Christ.
  - It is Christ who knows the heart and He will make no mistake about each Christian.
  - Christ will give credit where it belongs and will not give credit where it is not deserved.

- *"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."*

3. There will be no appeal for Christ's decision is final.
  - All will be just, all will be true, all will be final.
  - All will be based upon the infinite knowledge of Christ, not upon how one may have tried to make things appear.
  - This time of judgment will be one of joy for many but a time of embarrassment and shamefulness for others.

### **III. EVERYONE WILL GIVE ACCOUNT FOR ONLY WHAT HE/SHE HAS DONE**

1. The Christian will not be accountable for anyone else but him/herself.
  - It will be a single man, a single woman, a single boy, a single girl all alone before Christ.
  - The account given will be only that of one's own personal, private life.
  - *"Everyone shall give account of himself to God."*
2. The account and the issue of that time will not be **how much** that has been done, but **what** has been done. Not quantity but quality.
3. An account will be given of the Christian's judgment of others for God has said: *"Judge not that ye be not judged for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what judgment ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."*

### **IV. THE CHRISTIAN'S JUDGMENT WILL BE IMPARTIAL**

1. For the Christian it will not be eternal destiny that will be the issue but his/her works.
2. The Christian's works will be tried by "fire" and if they are good they will survive, but if not, they will be removed, destroyed.
  - Where there has been mercy, mercy will be given.
  - Where there has been injustice, no mercy will be given.
  - Where things were done in the Spirit of God, reward will come, all else destroyed.
3. Remember, it is not eternal destination being determined for a Christian is eternally saved and is always a child of God. Judgment will be to determine how God can reward and bless.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Christian, you can judge yourself now, ask God to show you what you are overlooking and get things the way God wants them now so He can find more to reward you for when you stand before Him.
2. Christian, work on the weakness of judging others. Your way is going to be God's way.