

## THE CHRISTIAN'S DAY OF JUDGMENT

2 Corinthians 5:10-11    Romans 14:10-13    1 Corinthians 3:12-15

**Introduction:** Not much is heard today from the pulpits about coming judgment. If anything is heard it is usually about judgment day for the unbeliever and that one day they will be cast into Hell which is true. However very little is ever said about the Christian's day of judgment and of course there is a lot of difference between the two. With the unbeliever God is dealing with one who never had a relationship with either Him or His Son, Jesus, strangers, unknowns, untrusters, and their judgment is very clear and plain, eternal punishment in Hell. However, in the case of a Christian, the saved, God is dealing someone who has trusted His Word, trusted His Son, Jesus and their judgment is not what kind of punishment but of rewards or the loss of what could have been. Paul reminds us in several places in his letters that someday every believer will stand before God and give an account of him/herself.

### I. EVERY PERSON SHALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

(This is not a possibility, it is a definite appointment on God's calendar.)

1. The injustices of life on this earth demands that there be a day when right is made right and wrongs are corrected.
  - Many Christians have suffered because of actions of mis-judged or mis-understood?
  - Many Christians have lived a their whole lives in suffering simply because of the damage done to them by someone else.
  - Christians have served faithfully, yet have had no recognition from the world or their Christian brothers and sisters.
  - Some Christians have spent a lifetime in utter chaos and confusion, pushed around, abused, ignored, misled and mistreated.
  - Yes, the injustices of life itself demand a day of judgment, giving to those believers that which they deserve, good or bad.
2. So often we judge one another. How can we so readily pass judgment on each other and know very little about the facts? Paul reminds us that ***"Everyone of us shall give an account of him/herself to God."***
  - Paul said to ***"silence that critical tongue for we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ."***
  - Stop that habit of judging each other which has become the practice of so many of us.
  - Let the world condemn a person if it will, but let us believers get alongside each other and love and overlook failures.
  - Let us not judge each other anymore because one day in the light of the judgment we have been judging, we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

### II. EVERY ONE OF US SHALL APPEAR

***"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."***

1. Every Christian shall stand.
  - The strong believer and the weak believer.

- The Christian entrusted with one talent and the Christian entrusted with 10 talents.
  - The leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, as well as those Christians who seldom came to the House of the Lord to worship, as well as those Christians who never gave their tithe which God commanded.
  - There shall be no Christian escape or be excused. We must all appear without exception and without excuse.
2. We will stand before Christ.
    - Christ will make no mistake because He knows our hearts.
    - He will give no wrong where it is not due and He will give no credit for something that is not from the heart. ***"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.
    - Final judgment, just, true, based upon the infinite knowledge of God, not upon appearances.
    - The day of judgment will be dreadful to some and wonderful to others.

### **III. EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE THE THINGS DONE IN HIS/HER BODY**

1. It will not be a question of God calling people before Him. Not a body of people like a Church family, or even a family.
  - It will be a single person, a man, a woman, a boy or a girl. Everyone separated from anyone else, friends, family, loved ones, Each must stand before God alone.
2. The account will be given, not about any group or organization. It will be given about one's own self, you, me, no one else. ***"Everyone shall give account of him/herself to God."***
  - The issue that day will not be the amount of work done but the kind of work done.
3. We will give an account of our judging of other people. ***"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."***

### **IV. GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THAT DAY WILL BE IMPARTIAL**

1. Our eternal destiny and eternal punishment will not be the issue on that day. We have already settled that when we became a Christian. The issue we will face is OUR WORKS.
2. We shall be judged and our works tried by fire to prove what sort of works they have been - good or bad, gold or silver, wood, hay or stubble.
  - It will not be how much we have done that is going to count, but it will be the quality of what we have done.
3. On that day the Lord will go over each separate life.
  - Your whole life will be brought before yourself and God.

- The character of the judgment of Christ will depend on your judgment of others. When you have been merciful, He will be merciful. When you have been severe, He will be severe. When you have forgiven others, He will forgive you. When you have not forgiven others, He will not forgive you.
  - Everything done in the Spirit of God will be rewarded and everything done for self and the flesh will be destroyed, burned up.
4. How would it be for you right now if you were ushered into Christ's presence for judgment?
- Remember, Paul warned us that we need to "judge ourselves and not others."
  - You can get all your wrongdoings taken care of today but going to God in sincere repentance for each and every sin and asking for forgiveness.
  - You will stand before Christ and He will judge you as you have judged others and He will judge your works as to why they were done and exactly what works you did.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Christian, at judgment we do not have to fear the fires of hell but we do need to fear the eyes of Christ that can be like fire piercing through all our falseness and pretense.
2. Paul is right in fearing to stand before God when all opportunity of confession and repentance are gone knowing that there is unconfessed sin in one's life.
3. Judgment day is something to think about. God wants to reward each and every Christian but it will depend upon what God has to work with when one stands before Him.
4. Let's give God a cause to be able to reward us when we stand before Him.