

The Judgment Seat of Christ Part One

Review

1. The Second Resurrection happens “sometime” after the first 1000 years of Christ’s kingdom. **It’s an unspecified time.**

2. Revelation 20:4-6

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Those who are reigning with Christ here are the ones who did the will of the Father in this life.

In this section of scripture only those who did the will of the Father are mentioned. The redeemed that did not do the will of the Father have already been excluded from this scene, for this takes place after judgment. The excluded are the “many” from Matt 7 (same as the “tares”)

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

“Every knee will bow”

Romans 14:10-12

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

" 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will confess to God.' " ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Isaiah 45:23

²³By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all integrity
a word that will not be revoked:
Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.

Philippians 2:5-11 (NASB)

⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.
⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Judgment Seat of Christ.

When?

We have already established a sequence of end time events and we know from our study that one day Christ is going to come back in all his glory and all those that belong to him from the time of Adam until His Return will be resurrected and immediately following that is The Judgment

Matthew 16:27 (NASB)

27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Hebrews 9:27

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

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We will be rewarded according to faithfulness or will suffer loss for those things done contrary to His will

Are we being judged by God today, in this Present Age? No, remember that the devil is the god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4

⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

We all must be clear on 2 things from scripture:

1. God our Father does not judge but He has given all judgment to the Son.

John 5:22, 27

22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

So God doesn't do the judging, the Son does.

2. Jesus Christ is not our judge today but our High Priest.

Hebrews 7:25

25 Therefore he (Christ) is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Confess Sin Today

Judgment comes at the time of the resurrection but today we have the opportunity to repent and to make amends for the wrong we have done. At the Judgment Seat it will be too late to say that you are sorry. So we must take advantage of the tremendous power we have **today** in Jesus Christ as our High Priest to intercede for us. We must continually be confessing our sin.

Motivation by Reward and by Fear

Reward

God wants to reward us for our faithfulness and for doing His will; He made us and knows how to motivate us

Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Revelation 22:12

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"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

Psalm 62:11-12

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One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, 12 and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

Reward is God's approval for doing His will; it's how He set things up. God motivates us in two different ways: rewards and fear.

Fear

Most Christians do not have a godly reverence or fear of the Lord because they think that because God is love and fear is negative that both don't go together. Well, let's look at what the word says:

Hebrews 10:26-31,38 (NASB)

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For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY " And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 12:28-29

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

Grace

- ✠ It's grace that we were ever redeemed because Christ paid the price for all our sins.
- ✠ It's grace that he died for us while we were yet sinners.
- ✠ It's grace that motivates us to continually go to the Mercy Seat and ask for forgiveness,
- ✠ It's grace that we have Jesus Christ the Righteous One, who knew no sin, interceding on our behalf.
- ✠ It's grace that our Lord would open our eyes and ears to understand that he is the Messiah and that his kingdom is coming.
- ✠ It's grace that we, as Gentiles, can now share fully with Israel, His chosen people.
- ✠ It's by his grace that we ever accomplish anything that we do for him

Philippians 2:12-13

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Remember we looked at the difference between Salvation and Redemption a few Wednesdays ago?

What are we working out? Not our redemption, Christ already paid the price for that, but being saved from the wrath to come at the Judgment Seat because we are judged and rewarded not just for the good but also for the bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must all 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. 11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

Vs. 10: "Whether good or bad" Not just the good.

So to recap:

- ✚ We learned that the Judgment Seat of Christ takes place after Christ returns.
- ✚ We learned that God our Father has given all judgment to the son but that today Christ is our High Priest not our Judge
- ✚ We learned that God uses two way to motivate us: rewards and fear and that this in no way negates His grace