



The Judgment Hour

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How to have Confidence in the Judgment

The good news is, *Jesus is coming again!* The sobering news is, prior to His return there will be a judgment to decide the eternal fate of humanity. Everyone that has ever lived will face the judgment. Every case will be decided in favor of life or death. Every deed we have done, every word we have spoken, every action we have taken will be revealed in the judgment. Our thoughts, our actions, and our deeds are being recorded in the books of heaven. Every secret thing we have ever done will be revealed and brought to light. None will escape the judgment.

With that unavoidable certainty before us, there are only two choices that we can make. We can choose to represent ourselves or we can choose Jesus as our Judge and our Advocate.

In the judgment those that have Jesus as their Savior will find pardon, peace, and eternal forgiveness. The great love of God will be revealed in behalf of those that have excepted his Son as their Savior. Every provision has been made for us to face the judgment without fear.

Those that are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus will have their sins blotted out in the judgment. According to Revelation chapter 14 we are living in the time of the judgment. As you study this outline I pray that you make the choice to have Jesus as your Judge and Advocate. When you receive Him into your life you will find confidence to face the judgment and peace as you prepare for His glorious return.

THE CERTAINTY OF THE JUDGMENT

- 2 Corinthians 5:10** - We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
- Revelation 14:6, 7** - We are living in the time of the judgment.
- Romans 14:10, 11** - Everyone will give an account to God for the life they lived.
- Romans 14:12** - Each one must answer to God for his or her deeds.
- 1 Peter 4:17** - The judgment begins at God's house, the church.
- Acts 10:42** - Jesus is the Judge that will preside in the judgment.
- John 5:22** - The Father has committed all judgment to the Son.
- Acts 17:31** - The day has been set in which the world will be judged.
- Revelation 16:7** - All of God's decisions will be just and true.
- 2 Timothy 4:1** - The living and the dead will be judged at Christ's appearing.
- James 2:8** - God's Law is the only standard of the Judgment.

THE RECORDS OF THE JUDGMENT

- Ecclesiastes 12:14** - Everything will be examined in the judgment.
- Daniel 7:10** - The books of the judgment contain our life's deeds.
- Revelation 20:12** - Each were judged according to the contents of the books.
- Revelation 21:27** - Those that are saved are recorded in the book of life.
- Psalms 56:8** - The tears that we shed are in God's book of remembrance.
- 1 Corinthians 4:5** - Every hidden act will be revealed in the judgment.
- Ecclesiastes 11:9** - The deeds of the youth will be revealed in judgment.
- Matthew 12:36** - Every idle word will be accounted for in the judgment.

THE FATE OF THE WICKED IN THE JUDGMENT

- Psalms 1:5, 6** - The ungodly will have no defense in the judgment.
- John 3:18** - Those that do not accept Jesus are condemned already.
- John 5:29** - Those in the second resurrection will receive the second death.
- Revelation 13:8** - Those not written in the book of life will worship the beast.
- Exodus 32:31-33** - The wicked will be blotted from the book of life.

THE FATE OF THE RIGHTEOUS IN THE JUDGMENT

- Acts 3:19** - If we repent and are converted our sins will be blotted out.
- 1 John 1:9** - If we confess our sins we will be forgiven and cleansed.
- 1 John 2:1** - Jesus is our Judge and Advocate in the judgment.
- Isaiah 1:18** - We can be cleansed from all our sins.
- 1 John 4:17** - Through Christ's love we don't have to fear the judgment.
- Revelation 2:11** - Those led by the Holy Spirit will not die the second death.
- Revelation 21:27** - Those written in the book of life will enter the Holy City.
- Malachi 3:16** - Those that honor God will be in the book of Remembrance.
- Micah 7:19** - Our sins will be cast into the depths of the sea.
- Hebrews 7:25** - Jesus will save to the uttermost those who come to Him.
- Proverbs 28:13** - Those that confess and forsake sin will receive God's mercy.
- Daniel 7:22** - Judgment will be made in favor of the saints.
- Revelation 12:11** - We overcome sin and Satan by the blood of the Lamb.