THE JUDGMENTS

INTRODUCTORY REMARK: The common teaching that there will be a “general judgment” of all men, at which time the saved and the lost will be separated, is contrary to Scripture:

1. Because believers will nevermore be judged for sin; for them judgment is PAST. John 5:24 “shall not come into the condemnation (judgment).
2. Because the Bible describes many judgments differing in time, place, subjects and results. This lesson deals with only a few of the more important.
3. THE JUDGMENT OF SINNERS.
4. THE JUDGMENT ITSELF.

Time: John 3:18 “condemned (judged) already.”

Verdict: Rom. 3:19 “the whole world … guilty before God.”

Sentence: Ezk. 18:20 “the soul that sinneth it shall die.”

1. THE EXECUTION OF THE SENTENCE.

Christ bore our sins. I Peter 2:24 “bore our sins.”

Christ bore our guilt. II Cor. 5:21 “made sin for us.”

Christ bore our penalty. I Cor. 15:3 “died for our sins.”

1. THE RESULT FOR BELIEVERS.

We are free from the punishment of our sins. Rom. 5:9.

We are free from the future punishment of sin. John 5:24.

1. THE JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS’ SERVICE AND WORKS.

Time: When Christ comes FOR HIS own. I Cor. 4:5.

Persons: All believers. II Cor. 5:10.

Basis: The motives of our service. I Cor. 4:5

Result: The giving of rewards. Rev. 22:12; I Cor. 3:12-15

1. THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS.

Time: When Christ returns in glory. Matt. 25:31.

Persons: The nations then on earth. Matt. 25:32.

Basis: Their treatment of the Jews. Matt. 25:40, 45.

Result: Some receive eternal punishment. Matt. 25:41.

 Some welcomed into the Millennium. Matt. 25:34.

1. THE JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED DEAD.

Although the divine decision against sin has already been given, a day of PUBLIC judgment has been appointed. Acts 17:31.

Time: When the universe is purged with fire. Rev. 20:11 and II Peter 3:7, 10.

Place: The great white throne. Rev. 20:11.

Persons: The wicked dead- all the unsaved. Rev.20:12-13.

Basis: Judged according to their works. Rev. 20:13

Result: Cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:15 and 21:8.

NOTE: THE PERSON OF THE JUDGE.

John 5:22 “Committed all judgment unto the Son”

John 5:27 “Authority to execute judgment … Son of man.”

Acts 17:31 “Judge the world … by that man.”