

The Judgment Seat of Christ

Eternal Judgment – The Lost

Hebrews 6:1-3, “Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.”

- Eternal Judgment is speaking of what happens to the lost who will be condemned forever

Acts 24:15-16

I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

Acts 24:24-26, “Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, ‘That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.’”

- **Please Read: Revelation 20:11-15**
- Notice that there are books in heaven

Matt 12:36-37, “But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

- Good news is when an unbeliever gets saved, their past sins are remitted- blotted out

Luke 24:47, Jesus said “that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Isa 43:25, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.”

- 1 Tim. 1:13 Paul was once a blasphemer, persecutor and a violent man- how could he say:

2 Cor. 7:2, “Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one.” *Unless he had no past- babies do not have a past!*

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- **Please Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1-11**
- Notice- for things done while in the body as a Christian – not while we were unsaved
- There's a judgment or accounting that we must all face, based on faithful service

Romans 14:10-13

“You, 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. It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’ So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.”

- **Please Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15**
- Notice vs 8- in particular “...as the Lord has assigned to each his task.”
 - 1 Cor. 12:5, “There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”
 - Jesus as the head of the Church assigns a work or service we are to perform
- These passages are in parallel with the parable of the talents
 - 1 Cor. 3:8, “...and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.”
- With the parable of the talents, we all get a different endowment to serve with
 - But we are all rewarded the same, criteria is based on our faithfulness

Matt 25:14-18, “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.”

- **Please Read: Romans 12:3-8**
- According to your faith- faith grows 2 Th. 1:3- “Faith is growing more and more.”

1 Peter 4:10, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

The two parables of the “Talents” and “Minas” are similar, but are different. In the parable of the talents each servant is given a different amount- indicating different gifts and graces. In the parable of the Minas, each servant is given the same amount, one Mina each- the new birth.

- **Please Read: Luke 19:11-27**

Luke 19:13 in the King James Version states, "Occupy till I come." Other translations state, "Put this money to work," "Do business till I come" or "Buy and Sell with these while I'm gone."

- Modern translations infer doing business, to trade so as to increase the investment
- We need to be busy about the Lord's business- doing the Lord's work, all of us!

In other words to improve one's worth by investing it into others, making the most of God's grace given to us. Produce as much fruit as possible and increase the return for God's glory.

- Notice in 1 Cor. 3:11 Paul talks about us all having the same "Foundation"- faith in Jesus
- We all get the same Mina; start the same, but we all build on the foundation differently
- The quality of the materials refers to our Christian walk, witness and testimony
- **Please Read: 1 Cor. 4:1-7**

James 3:1

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Hebrews 13:17-19

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

- **Please Read: Luke 12:35-48** *Be Ready!*

Revelation 2:26-29

"To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'- just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 3:21-22

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."