

Sermon #110 — John's Gospel

Title: **THE CONVICTION OF**
 JUDGMENT

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Introduction:

Some of you are running headlong into hell. It is my prayer to God for you that He will stop you today, that He will arrest you by His grace, that He will give you life and faith in Christ, as only He can. I want to talk to you about the judgment of God. Will you hear God's Word? Will you give me your attention for just a few minutes, before you go to hell? Soon you must meet the thrice holy God in judgment. Like the prophet of old, I say to you today, "*Prepare to meet thy God!*"

- Soon you must die!
- Judgment is sure!
- Eternity is long!

The title of my message is **THE CONVICTION OF JUDGMENT**. Our text is John 16:8-11. Hear

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now the words of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(John 16:8-11) “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

Looking upon my own heart, in the light of God’s Word, I am thoroughly convinced of my own depravity, guilt, and sin before God. I know that I deserve His infinite wrath. **Looking upon that Man in heaven Who is God**, who was once made to be sin for sinful man and is now freed from sin, I am thoroughly convinced that His righteousness is infinitely meritorious and sufficient to give all who trust Him eternal, immutable acceptance with the holy God. **And looking upon Christ’s conquest over Satan by His death upon the cursed tree, I am thoroughly convinced of judgment, convinced that judgment is finished for all for whom this great and glorious Savior died at Calvary!** This is

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the work of the Holy Spirit. When He saves a sinner He convinces him of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. This conviction of judgment is threefold.

1. God will judge all sin (Acts 17:31).

(Acts 17:31) He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

As the Lord God judged Satan for sin, casting him out of heaven, binding him by the cross of Christ, and sentencing him to everlasting destruction in hell, so He will judge the sins of all men and women in the last day. None shall escape the justice and wrath of almighty God. — “*The soul that sinneth, it shall die!*”

(John 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. God's judgment of men for sin is just.

Sin is more than an act. It is a principle of enmity against God in the heart of every man. It is treason against the King of heaven and malice against our Creator. The goodness and justice of God demand that wickedness be put out of the earth and that sinners be punished with everlasting destruction (Psalm 11:4-7). Should God punish me forever in hell, He is perfectly just to do so. Should He punish you forever in hell, He is just. We deserve eternal damnation.

(Psalm 11:4) The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. **(5)** The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. **(6)** Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and

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brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup. (7) For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

3. But, blessed be His name forever, for God's elect judgment is over!

The Lord God judged the sins of His elect in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He made His dear Son to be sin for us and punished us for sin, to the full satisfaction of His holy justice in His darling Son (2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18).

(2 Corinthians 5:18) And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (21)

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For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

(1 Peter 2:24) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

(1 Peter 3:18) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

The proof that judgment is over for the believer is the fact that Christ has taken Satan into captivity, delivering us from the fear of death (Hebrews 2:15).

If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you have nothing to fear from God, His law, or His justice. Your sins are forever forgiven. You have been made perfectly righteous in Christ. You are complete in him. And for you judgment is over.

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- Because Christ died, “there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared!”
- Because Christ is risen from the dead and seated in heaven, we are assured that He has obtained eternal redemption, even the forgiveness of sin for all His chosen.
- Believing Him we are assured that this blessed forgiveness is ours!

Behold the risen Savior, and rejoice (1 Peter 4:1-2).

(1 Peter 4:1) Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (2) That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

If you now believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, this forgiveness is yours; and where sin is forgiven judgment is over. O Spirit of God, come now to chosen sinners in this place. Create life in the dead by resurrection power. Give sinners faith in Christ by the mighty operations of Your grace. And convince poor,

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lost, justly condemned sinners here that judgment is over because Christ died in their stead and judged the prince of this world as their Substitute (Revelation 20:1-6; Romans 8:1-4, 33-39).

(Revelation 20:1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **(2)** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **(3)** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.... — ...**(6)** Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

(Romans 8:1) *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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(2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

(3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

WHO SHALL CONDEMN US?

(Romans 8:33) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is God that justifieth.*

No one can! Nothing can! Satan cannot, he is defeated. The world cannot, it is condemned. The law cannot, it is honored. God in justice cannot, it is satisfied. — “*It is God that justifieth.*” Notice that here the word is in the present, linear tense, not because justification is continually being accomplished, but because it is forever efficacious and continually revealed and applied to our hearts as we look to Christ (1 John 1:9). God declares that we are perfectly righteous in Christ continually. He will

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never charge us with sin. — “*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin!*”

WHO SHALL CONDEMN US?

(Romans 8:34) “Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is Christ that died*, yea rather, *that is risen again*, who is even at the right hand of God, *who also maketh intercession for us.*”

It is impossible that one of Christ’s sheep should ever perish, because Christ died in our place. He was raised again for our justification. He finished the work of our redemption, and sat down in heaven. Christ Himself intercedes for us in glory.

(1 John 2:1-2) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*.

Illustration: *The Woman Taken in Adultery*

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WHO SHALL SEPARATE US?

No power, no being, and no act of men, of Satan, or of the demons of hell, can separate us from the Savior's love. Read Romans 8:35-39 with me and rejoice!

(Romans 8:35-39) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **(36)** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **(37)** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **(38)** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **(39)** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- No Earthly Trouble!
- No Spiritual Trouble!
- Nothing In Heaven!
- Nothing In Earth!
- Nothing In Us!
- Nothing In Time!
- Nothing In Eternity!
- The purpose of God must stand!
- The blood of Christ shall never lose its power!
- The seal of the Spirit cannot be broken!
- The promise of God cannot fail!

FUTURE JUDGMENT

When God the Holy Spirit gives us faith in Christ He convinces us that judgment is finished, that Christ has satisfied all the justice of God as our Substitute. Still, because we are all constantly subjected to the notions of false religion, because we are constantly bombarded with works religion by family, friends, foes, and preachers, questions about judgment still arise and sometimes trouble God's saints.

- What about the judgment seat of Christ?

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- What about the Great White Throne Judgment?
- What about our sins after God has saved us?

Because these things trouble many, and I am sure trouble some of you, I want to directly address this matter of future judgment in the time I have left. Here are two specific passages that are troubling to some of God's saints (2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:11-15). Let's look at them for just a few minutes.

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. **(11)** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

(Revelation 20:11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **(12)** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the

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books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Some time ago I received a letter from one of God's saints that expressed a concern and a matter of much confusion to many. **She asked**, "Will there be one judgment or two? Will we be judged first by Christ for our sin and second for our works as believers?" I want to answer those questions and hopefully some of your own perplexities with regard to future judgment. May God the Holy Spirit be our Teacher. **May He thoroughly convince you that judgment is finished because Christ Jesus our Lord, in His**

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death and resurrection as our Substitute, crushed the serpent's head forever.

While the Word of God constantly warns the wicked of the terror of divine judgment and the everlasting wrath of God, the day of judgment is never described as a terror to the believer, or even a thing to be dreaded by us. Rather, for the believer the day of judgment is always set forth as a matter of anticipated joy and glory.

On this earth God's saints are constantly misjudged. His servants are maligned and slandered by reprobate men. But in that last great day, God almighty will vindicate His people and He will vindicate His servants (1 Corinthians 4:3-5).

(1 Corinthians 4:3-5) But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. **(4)** For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. **(5)** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to

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light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”

I am not dreading that day. I'm looking forward to it! And I do so with peace. If, as a believer, a sinner saved by God's free and sovereign grace, through the sin-atonement blood and imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, you understand what the Bible says about that great day, you will look forward to it too. With those things in mind, let's see what the Bible teaches about the great white throne judgment.

A GOSPEL REVELATION

First, here is a gospel revelation: — The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again. Do not concern yourself about the signs of the times and those things that men imagine are indications of the last days. There is very little, if anything, of spiritual value to be gained by studying all the books ever written on prophetic issues. They all have to be rewritten as soon as the predicted events have failed to come to pass. **We are**

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never commanded to look for signs of our Lord's coming. We are commanded to be looking for Him to come. Get this one blessed fact fixed in your mind — Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, the Son of God, is coming again!

The Son of God is personally coming again to this earth (Acts 1:9-11). That very same God-man who was born at Bethlehem, who lived as our Representative, and died as our sin-atonement Substitute on the cross is coming to this earth again.

- He said, *“I will come again!”* (John 14:3).
- The Apostle Paul wrote, *“The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven!”* (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
- He said, *“The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven!”* (2 Thessalonians 1:7).

“I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.” (Job 19:25-27)

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- He came once in weakness. He is coming again in power!
- He came once in humiliation. He is coming again in glory!
- He came once to be despised. He is coming again to be admired!
- He came once to suffer. He is coming again to conquer!

The second coming of Christ will be sudden, unannounced, unexpected, and climatic. — “*The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night*” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). — Our Lord said, “*I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee*” (Revelation 3:3). The Lord does not tell us to look for the tribulation, or the regathering of Israel, or the rebuilding of a Jewish temple. He tells us to look for him! If you look for signs, and times, and seasons, you will be shocked when Christ comes. The only thing mentioned in this Book that will announce the Lord’s coming will be

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“a shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).¹

Our Lord Jesus may appear at any moment. — *“Behold, he cometh!”* (Revelation 1:7) Always look for Him on the tiptoe of faith and expectation. All will be taken by surprise except those who are expecting Him to appear. Like those Thessalonians who believed God, we must constantly *“wait for His Son from heaven”* (1 Thessalonians 1:10). Faith is ever *“looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13). **This much I know...**

- Christ is coming now!
- Soon He shall appear.
- When the Son of God appears He will bring with Him a crown of righteousness, immortality and life for all who love Him and look for His appearing.

¹ No man knows the day or hour of our Lord's coming; and that is best (Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7). If we knew the day or hour, we would become irresponsible and negligent with regard to our daily duties. Do not seek to know when Christ is coming. Be content with His promise, and wait for His appearing.

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“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:8)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. – (James 1:12)

A GENERAL RESURRECTION

Second, when Christ comes, there will be a great, general resurrection of all who have ever lived upon the earth.

(Revelation 20:13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(John 5:28-29) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves

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shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

I do not offer any argument or proof for what I am preaching. I am simply declaring to you the plain facts, as they are revealed in Holy Scripture. Those who rebel against them, mock them, despise them, or ignore them do so to their own eternal ruin. But I assure you that the Son of God is coming again; and when He comes there will be a resurrection of the dead.

*First, **all who have died in faith shall be raised from the grave.** All will be raised. But the saints of God will have distinct priority in the resurrection. “*The dead in Christ shall rise first.*” The bodies of God’s saints shall be raised from their graves and reunited with their souls (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).*

- All The Old Testament Saints!
- All The Martyrs!
- All Who Sleep in Jesus!

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Then, immediately after the sleeping saints arise, all believers living upon the earth shall be changed and caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Corinthians 15:51-58). As our Lord descends in the brilliant glory of His second advent, we shall go out to meet Him and return with Him, as He comes with all His saints to burn up the earth, destroy the wicked, and make all things new. — What a day that will be!

Then, after the Son of God has gathered all the ransomed bodies of His elect from the earth, after He has destroyed all the wicked with the brightness of His coming, all the wicked shall be raised. Yes, there is a resurrection for the wicked too. But, for you who believe not, there is no music in the resurrection. The Lord Himself shall issue a summons that you cannot resist. You will stand in terror before Him whose grace you have despised, against whom you have sinned!

Your body and soul now united in sin shall be united in horror! I have no word of comfort for you who will not bow to the claims of Christ. If you die without

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Christ, you die without hope and without peace! Your resurrection shall be a resurrection of damnation!

A GREAT RECKONING

Third, immediately after the resurrection, we must all be judged by God according to the record of our works (2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:12-13).

(2 Corinthians 5:10-11) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. **(11)** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

(Hebrews 9:27) And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

(Revelation 20:12-13) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were

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opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

THE JUDGE — The Judge before whom we must stand is the God-man, whom we have crucified!

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:” – (John 5:22)

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.” – (Acts 17:31)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things

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done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” – (2 Corinthians 5:10)

THE BOOKS — We will be judged out of the books, according to the record of God’s strict justice. When the books are opened, what shocks of terror will seize the hearts and souls of those who have no righteousness and no atonement before the holy Lord God!

With the opening of the books, every crime, every offense, every sin you have ever committed, in mind, in heart, and in deed shall be exposed to your fully awakened and utterly terrified conscience! This is what Daniel saw in his prophetic vision. — *“Judgment was set; and the books were opened”* (7:10)

I realize that this is figurative language. **God does not need books to remember man’s sins.** However, as **John Gill** wrote, “this judgment out of the books, and according to works, is designed to show with what accuracy and exactness, with what justice and

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equity, it will be executed, in allusion to statute-books in courts of judicature”.

In the Scriptures God is often represented as writing and keeping books. And according to these books we all shall be judged. **What are the books?**

1. The Book of Divine Omniscience (Malachi 3:5)
2. The Book of Divine Remembrance (Malachi 3:16)
3. The Book of Creation (Romans 1:18-20)
4. The Book of God’s Providence (Romans 2:4-5)
5. The Book of God’s Holy Law (Romans 2:12) —
This book of the law has two tables. The first table contains all the sins of men against God (Exodus. 20:3-11). The second table contains all the sins of men against one another (Exodus 20:12-17).
6. The Book of the Gospel (Romans 2:16)
7. The Book of Conscience (Romans 2:15)

ANOTHER BOOK — But, blessed be God, there are some against whom no crimes, no sins, no offenses can be found, not even by the omniscient eye of God himself! — *“In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of*

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Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve” (Jeremiah 50:20).

Their names are found in another book, a book which God himself wrote and sealed before the worlds were made. **IT IS THE BOOK OF LIFE!**

- In this book there is a record of Divine Election.
- In this book there is the name of a Divine Surety.
- In this book there is a record of Perfect Righteousness (Jeremiah. 23:6 cf 33:16).
- In this book there is a record of Complete Satisfaction — Blood Atonement.
- In this book there is the promise of Eternal Life.

The question is often raised, “**Will God judge his elect for their sins and failures, committed after they were saved, and expose them in the day of judgment?**” — The only reason that question is ever raised is because many try to retain the threat and fear of the Roman doctrine of purgatory, by which they hope to hold over God’s saints the whip and terror of the law. Child of God, hear me well. **There is absolutely no sense in which you who trust the**

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Lord Jesus Christ shall ever be made to pay for your sins!

- Our sins were imputed to Christ and shall never be imputed to us again (Romans 4:8).
- Christ paid our debt to God's law and justice; and God will never require us to pay.
- God who has blotted out our transgressions will never write them again.
- He who covered our sins will never uncover them!
- The perfect righteousness of Christ has been imputed to us!
- On the Day of Judgment, God's elect are never represented as having done any evil, but only good (Matthew 25:31-40).
- The Day of Judgment will be a day of glory and bliss for Christ and His people, not a day of mourning and sorrow. — It will be a marriage supper! — Christ will glory in His Church! — God will display the glory of His grace in us! — We will glory in God our Savior!

A GLORIOUS REWARD

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Fourth, those who are found perfectly righteous, righteous according to the records of God himself, shall enter into eternal life and inherit everlasting glory with Christ. — They that have done good, nothing but good, perfect good, without any spot of sin, wrinkle of iniquity, or trace of transgression, shall enter into everlasting life. It is written — “*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still*” (Revelation 22:11).

Who are these perfectly righteous ones?

- None by Nature and None by Works of Their Own!
- All God’s Elect!
- All the Redeemed!
- All the Called!
- All the Justified!
- All Who Trust the Lord Jesus Christ! —
(Romans 8:1, 32-34)

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(Romans 8:1) “*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

(Romans 8:32-34) “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (33) Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? *It is* God that justifieth. (34) Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”

Though there shall be degrees of punishment for the wicked in hell because there are degrees of wickedness, there shall be no degrees of reward and glory among the saints in heaven because there are no degrees of redemption and righteousness.

- Heaven was earned and purchased for all God’s elect by Christ.
- We were predestined to obtain our inheritance from eternity (Ephesians 1:11).

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- Christ has taken possession of heaven's glory as our forerunner (Hebrews 6:20).
- We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17).
- Our Savior gave all the glory He earned as our Mediator to all His elect (John 17:5,20).
- In Christ every believer is worthy of heaven's glory (Colossians 1:12).
- Glorification is but the consummation of salvation; and salvation is by grace alone!

That means that no part of heaven's bliss and glory is the reward of our works, but all the reward of God's free grace in Christ! All spiritual blessings are ours from eternity in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). And that with which God blessed us in Christ before the world began, he will not take from us when this world is no more (Romans 11:29). — **God will do all that's necessary to bring us to Heaven and when we get there He will say to us "well done good and faithful servant!"**

That is the conviction of judgment set before us in the Book of God. May God the Holy Spirit give it to

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you by the might and mercy of His irresistible grace.
—— But...

A GRAND RESTITUTION

Fifth, I must warn you who are yet without Christ, if you will not trust Christ you must be forever damned! All who are found guilty of sin in that great and terrible Day of Judgment shall be cast into the lake of fire and there be made to suffer the unmitigated wrath of almighty God forever!

One by one the Lord God will call you before His throne and judge you. As he says to you, “*Depart ye cursed!*” He will say to his holy angels, “*Take him! Bind him! Cast him into outer darkness!*”

- There will be no mercy for you!
- There will be no pity for you!
- There will be no sorrow for you!
- There will be no hope for you!
- There will be no end for you!

To hell you deserve to go! To hell you must go! To hell you will go! Unless you flee to Christ and take

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refuge in Him, in that great day the wrath of God shall seize you and destroy you forever! I beseech you now, by the mercies of God, be reconciled to God by trusting his darling Son! — “*Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men!*” Come to Christ now! **ETERNITY IS BEFORE YOU!**

- Behold His infinite love (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
- Behold His finished atonement (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Behold His amazing, almighty, saving grace (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

(2 Corinthians 5:14-21) “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: (15) And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (16) Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. (17) Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away;

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behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (21) For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

APPLICATION: In that great and terrible day I hope to be found in Christ, not having my own righteousness, but having His righteousness! How will it be for you in that day.

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Amen.