

THE JUDGMENTS

In the Scriptures, we are instructed to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). This is most essential when studying the judgments. Do not endeavor to make all the judgments conform to the theory on one “general judgment.” This theory is the invention of early medieval religion and is not taught in the Word of God.

There are at least five separate judgments revealed in the Bible, and they differ as to time, place, and purpose. Yet, they all have one thing in common: the Lord Jesus Christ is the Judge (John 5:22).

Everyone, from Adam to the last man to be born on this earth, will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ to be judged. In the first judgment, the sins of the believer have already been judged in Christ on the cross. In the second judgment, the believer is to judge self or be judged and disciplined by the Lord Jesus Christ. In the third judgment, all believers must appear at the “judgment seat of Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:10) where their works are to be judged. In the fourth judgment, all nations are to be judged at the second coming of Christ. In the fifth judgment, the wicked dead are to be judged at the Great White Throne.

#1 THE JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVER’S SINS (ON CALVARY) (Life and Judgment are Through the Son) (John 5:24-30)

In (verse 24) the Judgment of the believer’s sins, our Lord tells us that a believer “shall not come into judgment.” Our sins were judged in Christ on Calvary, and every believer “has passed from death into life” (v.24). This is present salvation. Christ paid for our sins. He has judged in the believer’s stead. The believer will not come into judgment because

1. Jesus paid the penalty. On the grounds of His substitutionary death, the believer is separated from his sins forever. (Psalms 103:12)
2. The sins of the believer have been blotted out, and God has promised that He “will not remember your sins” (Isaiah 43:25)
3. Our Lord suffered for our sins, “the just for the unjust” that we might be saved and never come into judgment as sinners (I Peter 3:18)
4. The believer will never be condemned with the world, because Christ was condemned in his place. (2 Corinthians 5:21). Christ was made a curse for us on the cross, and to put away sin (Galatians 3:13) (Hebrews 9:26). The believer will not come into judgment because his sins have been purged (Hebrews 1:3)

This judgment of our sins must be accepted in our physical life time the (Church Age). Remember Admit, Believe, and Confess. Jesus wishes that none would perish but all would come to eternal life in Him by accepting Him being judged for our sins.