

Rev238 - **The Great White Throne Judgment**
Revelation 20:11-15

**We are on the Verge of THE GRAND FINALE
of the Greatest Story Ever Told**

We are **on the verge** of **seeing** in **Revelation**

The **New Heaven** - & **New Earth**
AND our **Eternal Life** with God

We are **on the verge**
of **ALL** that **we look forward** to as **believers**

The **Glory of Heaven** - AND **An Eternity** LIVING IN
the **Very Real Presence** of God

There's <u>just one passage</u> between <u>us</u> & <u>all that Glory</u>
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& **it is a passage** that one scholar called
“The most serious, sobering, & tragic passage in the entire Bible”

It is - The Great White Throne Judgment

& God's Word FORCES US
to Look **Straight at it** today

& I do not **know**, of a **More Sobering**
& **More Serious text** in **all** the **Bible**

But **God** wants to **USE this text**
To Offer you **True Eternal LIFE**

IF - you are **willing** to **believe the**
Miraculous, Supernaturally-Proven, Living Word of God

Let's Pray

In our **last Rev Msg** - We were **celebrating the Millennium**

That 1,000 year period on earth
With **Jesus Physically Ruling**
& **Satan Bound in the Pit**

& **we** saw **Satan RELEASED**
At the End of that **1,000 years**

& **Satan seduces many**
who were **born** during the **Millennium**

to **join him** in one **final battle against God**
which (of course) they **lose "decisively"**

& **Satan** is **finally thrown** into the **Eternal Lake of Fire**
where the **Antichrist** & **False Prophet** **already are**

& So - at this point → →

ALL BELIEVERS

from **the O.T.**

& from the **Church Age**

& from the **Tribulation**

& from the **Millennium**

They have **ALL** been **RESURRECTED**

BUT - the **combination** of **ALL** those **Resurrections**
is **only** the **FIRST** - of **TWO - Resurrections**

The **FIRST Resurrection** is for **All BELIEVERS**
who have been "**Saved By Faith**" in **Jesus Christ**

This FIRST Resurrection is called
The Resurrection Unto LIFE

Revelation 20:6(a) (NLT)

***6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection.
For them the second death holds no power . . .***

The **FIRST Resurrection** - is for **ALL believer's**
The Resurrection Unto LIFE

The **Second Death** - is **Referring** to

The Great White Throne Judgment
That we will SEE - Today

& So GENERALLY Speaking
there are TWO RESURRECTIONS

The **Resurrection unto LIFE** - (for all **Believers**)

The **Resurrection unto DEATH** - (for all **Unbelievers**)

AND - There are TWO JUDGMENTS

We **already looked** at the **Judgment** for **BELIEVERS**

Called **The Judgment Seat of Christ**

We **looked** at it in **Msg # 13** - **“The Bema Seat Judgment”**

& The 2nd Judgment

is the **Judgment** we are **looking** at today

And it is **ONLY FOR UNBELIEVERS**

At **The Judgment Seat of Christ** - **ALL BELIEVERS**

Already HAVE - **Eternal LIFE** - (*& that doesn't change*)

At **The Great White Throne Judgment** - **ALL UN-BELIEVERS**

Already HAVE - **Eternal DEATH** - (*& that doesn't change*)

& so - **The Great White Throne Judgment** -

is **NOT what** we would **call** - a **“Courtroom Trial”**

The Great White Throne Judgment

is **what** we would **call** - a **“Sentencing Hearing”**

At this Judgment

No one's Eternity is going to be changed

THAT'S what makes it so Sobering - & so Eternally Serious

So - **Let's go thru it - vs. by vs.**

Revelation 20:11 (NLT)

11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide.

Thru-out the NT - God has committed judgment to Jesus Christ

Acts 10:42 (NLT)

42 . . . Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all - the living and the dead. (& 2Tim 4:1 - says same thing)

At the **1st Resurrection** - **Jesus** Judges ***the Living***

At the **2nd Resurrection** - **Jesus** Judges ***the Dead***

In **other places** in Revelation - **God the Father**

is **seated** on the **Throne of Heaven**

But **this** is a **Specific Throne** - for a **Specific Purpose**

& **Jesus Christ** Himself

is **Administering** this **Judgment**

& it **Makes Sense** - Because **Jesus Christ**

is the **one** who **Died** in **your place**
to **Save you** **FROM this Judgment**

& So - **if** you have **Rejected** His **Free offer** of **Salvation**
then **He will Also be** the **One** who **Judges** you

In **REV Ch 5** - When **John** first **SEES Jesus** -
John sees the EFFECTS of the **Crucifixion** on Jesus,

John says ***“I saw a Lamb - as tho it had been slain”***

Which means - at **this Judgment**
those who've **rejected Christ** will **see**

That **this** is the **same Jesus** who **Died For Them** -
& **offered** them **deliverance** - from **THIS** very **Judgment**

So - **Jesus Christ is Sitting (As Judge)**
on the **Great White Throne**

& then (back in) Revelation 20:11(b) (NLT)
**11 . . . The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found
no place to hide.**

There is an **Incredible** **“Thought”** in **this statement**

It seems - This Judgment Occurs at a time

that is **IN-BETWEEN** - The **TEMPORAL Earth & Heavens**
& The **ETERNAL Earth & Heavens**

2 Peter 3:10 (NLT)

10 But the day of the Lord (judgement day) will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

THAT is THIS DAY - The Day of the FINAL Judgment of God

& **then** - In the **VERY NEXT VS** - **AFTER** This **Judgment**

Revelation 21:1 (NLT)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

So it **seems likely - The **Great White Throne Judgment****

Occurs In-Between

THIS Earth & Heavens Passing away

& the **NEW Earth & Heaven being Created**

**& So - Because there can be NO SIN in the Presence of God
in the New Heavens and New Earth**

those who HAVE NOT had their Sin Removed by FAITH in Christ
Must have some place to go

They can't come into the Glory of Heaven with us

& this present Earth & Heavens have "Passed Away"

& so - AT The Great White Throne Judgment

All those who have CHOSEN to REJECT
God's Eternal Salvation - Thru FAITH in Jesus Christ

MUST BE separated from God - Because of their SIN

**& So - The Dead will now be RAISED
to stand before the Great White Throne Judgment**

Revelation 20:12 (NLT)

12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

**No matter how Great or Small a person's position on earth
they will ALL be equally trembling at this Final Judgment**

& as they are standing there
the BOOKS (*Plural*) are opened

These BOOKS - are the record of the LIVES
of those standing before this judgment

& they will be Judged - according to what they have done

Now - you may think, *“Alright then, I should be okay, cause I’m a pretty good person . . .”*

The Problem is - The Bible says - NO Sin can be
in the Presence of God - - NO Sin - ZERO

& so - If you decide to take this route - & you say,
“Yeah, open up the books, check out my life . . .”

the Books will be opened - & the 1st line will read
SINNER - By Nature and By CHOICE

& you will be JUDGED by your SIN

This is NOT a TRIAL - to see if you are “Good Enough” to get in

This is A JUDGMENT - that is Justly DUE, upon your sin

Romans 3:10 (NLT)

10 . . . “No one is righteous - not even one.

& these books are opened - to PROVE that

God's Word speaks of different "Records" (books)

The **Record** of our own **CONSCIENCE** - **Rom 1 & 2**

The **Record** of every **SECRET THING** - **Rom 2:16, Eccl 12:14**

The **Record** of our own **ACTIONS** - **Mat 16:27**

The **Record** of Every **WORD** we've spoken - **Mat 12:36**

& **these 'Records'** (books) will **Condemn**

EVERY PERSON who has **REJECTED**

God's **REDEMPTION** - **thru Faith** in **Jesus Christ**

These books are there to **PROVE** - That **NO ONE** is Righteous
Enough on their own, to **enter** into the **Presence of God**

Not one person at this **judgment** will be able to **speak a word**
in **their own defense** - **Their Lives** will **CONDEMN Them**

& **OURS Would** have **condemned US** as **Well**

Had we **not been Clothed** in the **Righteousness** of Christ
THRU our FAITH

We **would've been** right there **with them** -
JUST AS deserving of this **Judgment** as **any other sinner**

Turn over to Eph Ch 2 - This is a **VERY LONG Read**

But **please stay with me** on it

Portions of Ephesians 2:1–9 (NLT)

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world . . . ,

3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger (wrath), just like everyone else.

4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,

5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

. . .

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

**The ONLY WAY - to Avoid Standing HERE
at the Great White Throne Judgment**

is to Freely Receive - The Righteousness of God Through FAITH in Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The **ONLY WAY** you & I
Can **stand** in the **Presence of God**

is **to be made right with God**
Through **FAITH** in Jesus Christ

So - Back in Revelation 20:12 (middle) (NLT)
12 . . . And the books were opened, including the Book of Life . . .

This Singular Book - is the **Most Important Book** of all

All the **other** Books **PROVE** - **those standing**
at the **Great White Throne** - **DESERVE** this **Judgment**

ONLY The Book Of Life determines
whether a person **will Escape** this **Judgment** - or **Not**

The **Book of Life** is the **Register**

of **EVERY person** who has put their **Faith** in **Jesus Christ**
& **Received God's Forgiveness** & **Righteous** - **Thru HIM**

Your Name being in this **Book**
Is the **ONLY THING** that will **change your Eternity**

From Eternal Judgment upon your **Sin**
To **Eternal Life** in the Glory of **Heaven**

It is **NOT** the **LACK OF GOOD WORKS** that **Condemns** a person at
The **Great White Throne Judgment**

it is the LACK of their **Name Being** in the **Book of Life**
that **condemns** them

AND It is **NOT** the **LACK OF SIN** - that **PUTS** a person's name
IN the **Book of Life**

It is the Forgiveness of **their Sin** Thru **Faith** in **Jesus Christ**
that puts their **name** in **this Book**

& - If **your name** is **NOT Found** in this **Book of Life**
There **can be NO ENTRANCE** into **Heaven** for you

SO Now - we **see** - the **SECOND Resurrection**
we've been **talking about**

The Resurrection Unto DEATH

Revelation 20:13 (NLT)

13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds.

BUT - the **Bible** makes it **EXCRUCIATINGLY CLEAR**

NO ONE Gets into **Heaven** by **their Deeds** (good works)

& so - **THIS** is **The Resurrection UNTO DEATH**

Previous to this Resurrection -

Those - who have REJECTED Faith in God for Salvation

Have been HELD in what the Bible Calls HADES

“The ABODE (holding place) of the DEAD”

But now - there is NO NEED for Hades

Because No One Will be Held there - any longer

& there is NO Need for What WE KNOW

as Death on this Earth - THAT is OVER

& so - Death & Hades - FOLLOW Satan - INTO the Lake of Fire

Revelation 20:14 (NLT)

14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death.

The Second Death IS the Lake of Fire

Prior to this point - only Satan - Antichrist - False Prophet -

& Death & Hades - Are THERE

But Finally we have - what to me is

the most “Personally Disturbing” Vs - In ALL the Bible

Revelation 20:15 (NLT)

15 And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

This is Eternal Separation from God
& Eternal Judgment for your Sin

*if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was
thrown into the lake of fire*

I don't know what level of importance you put - on this life

But James 4:14 says (NLT)

*14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your
life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.*

God says - THIS LIFE is a VAPOR - a MIST
& it is going to disappear into thin air

But NOT SO - with Eternity - Eternity is ETERNAL

& Mark 8:36 says (NLT)

*36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose
your own soul?*

Pls - Make Sure YOUR name - is written in the Book of Life

It is the ONLY WAY - for you to ESCAPE

an Eternity in the Lake of Fire
created for the Devil, His Demons, & Death itself

& the **ONLY WAY** to **Ensure**
Your Name is **Written** in **His Book**

Is **For you** to **Put** your **Faith** in **Jesus Christ** as your **SAVIOR**

& **Begin** a **REAL, Personal Relationship**
with **Him** - as your **Lord**

Do you **HAVE THAT** - **Today?**

Have you **begun** a **REAL Relationship** with **Jesus Christ**

You begin your **Eternal Life** with **Jesus**

BY Putting Your **Faith in Him** - as your **SAVIOR**
For **Forgiveness of your Sins**

& **Committing** to **Follow Him** - as **your LORD**

If you have **NOT done** that - Then **Please DO IT** - **TODAY**

Where you **spend Eternity** - **Absolutely Depends on it**

Let's Pray