

TO THE CHURCH OF THE

THESSALONIANS,

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the
dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the
Father, and ***he will come to
judge the living and the dead.***

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



The Last Judgement

Michelangelo
Sistine Chapel, 1541



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Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters below. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and unto the thousandth generation of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for he that taketh his name in vain shall surely be punished.

IV

Honor thy father and thy mother: for this is the first commandment, which is the first of all commandments, that thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: these two commandments are the whole law, and the chief end thereof.

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Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days hath the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is: and he rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

VI

Thou shalt not kill.

VII

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII

Thou shalt not steal.

IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X

Thou shalt not desire thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his: for thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: these two commandments are the whole law, and the chief end thereof.



Why is God *allowing* us to suffer?

1 Thessalonians

Christ is coming soon.

2 Thessalonians

But not that soon!

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-2

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³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because **your faith is growing abundantly**, and **the love of every one of you for one another is increasing**.

⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for **your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring**.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

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⁵ **This is evidence** of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, **when** the Lord Jesus is **revealed from heaven** with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on **those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.** ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ **when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints,** and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was **believed.**

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

MATTHEW 25:31-32

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...for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil to the **resurrection of judgment**.

JOHN 5:28-29

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For ***we must all*** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

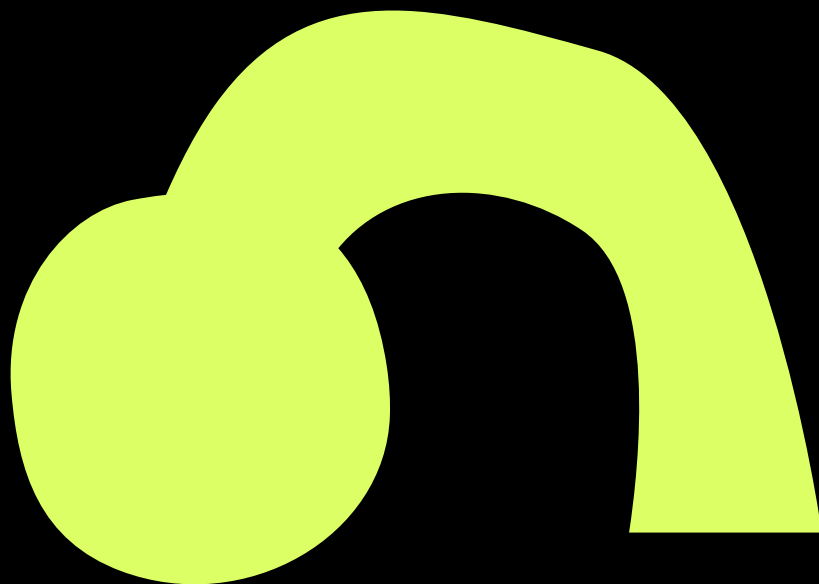
1 CORINTHIANS 5:10



**JESUS
CAME TO
EARTH.**



**JESUS
DIED
FOR US.**



**JESUS
ROSE FROM
THE DEAD.**



**JESUS
ASCENDED
TO HEAVEN.**



**JESUS
WILL COME
AGAIN.**

Reward
for good
works

Reward
for good
works

Accept
the gospel
of Christ



Reject
the gospel
of Christ

Wrath
for evil
deeds

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Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has ***built on the foundation*** survives, he will receive a reward.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:12-14

¹¹ ***To this end*** we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that **the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

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LIVE THE TEXT

1. ***Build hope*** in the justice and mercy of the Lord.

- Plan for retirement
- Plant a garden
- Expect the sun to rise in the morning

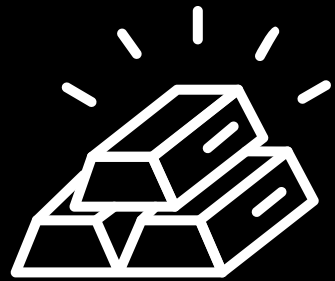
2. ***Do good works*** for the Lord, not for men.

- “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” // **Colossians 3:23-24**

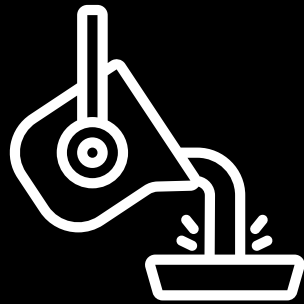
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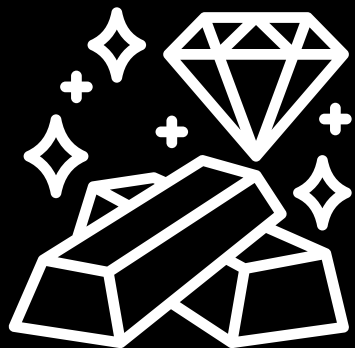
WHAT WILL LAST ON JUDGEMENT DAY?



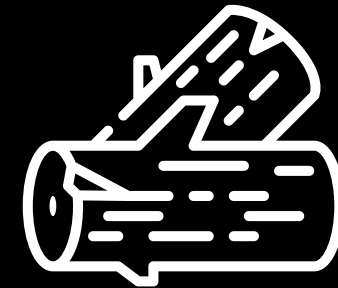
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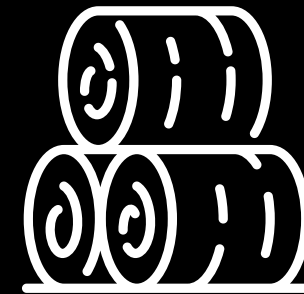
Silver



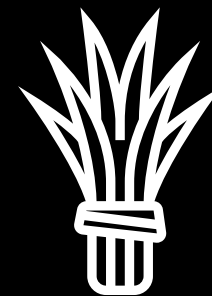
Precious
Stone



Wood



Hay



Straw