

We Perish for Lack of Knowledge:  
Eternal Judgment  
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I **SLIDE** Elementary Truths

A) So far...

- 1) Repentance from acts that lead to death
- 2) Faith in God
- 3) Baptisms
- 4) Laying on of hands
- 5) Resurrection of the Dead
- 6) Today, eternal judgement

B) These truths do not operate independently of each other

- 1) We cannot accept some and ignore the others
- 2) It is amazing how they all come together to form the fabric of our faith

II **SLIDE** Eternal judgment

A) Definitions

- 1) Eternal judgment is the decision or sentence of Jesus Christ that will last forever
- 2) No one will escape this judgment

B) **SLIDE Hebrews 9:27-28 ( ICB )** <sup>27</sup>Everyone must die once. After a person dies, he is judged. <sup>28</sup>So Christ was offered as a sacrifice one time to take away the sins of many people. And he will come a second time, but not to offer himself for sin. He will come again to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

- 1) Jesus has come once to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins
- 2) He will not do it again
- 3) The judgment we receive when He comes the second time depends upon the decision we make today

- 4) Either we will receive the first offer, or we will reject it
- 5) Judgment will not be based upon works or titles or sermons preached
- 6) It will be based upon whether or not we have believed Jesus

### III Evidence of our belief is being gathered now

A) **SLIDE Ecclesiastes 11:8-9 ( ICB )** <sup>8</sup> A person ought to enjoy every day of his life. This is true no matter how long he lives. But he should also remember this: You will be dead much longer than you live. After you are dead, you accomplish nothing. <sup>9</sup> Young people, enjoy yourselves while you are young. Be happy while you are young. Do whatever your heart desires. Do whatever you want to do. But remember that God will judge you for everything you do.

- 1) Young people, have a good time, but remember God will judge us for EVERYTHING we do
- 2) Party if you want, but remember...
- 3) Drink, have sex, but remember...
- 4) Stretch the truth, but remember...
- 5) Make fun of others, but remember... the evidence is being gathered now
- 6) And this is true for all of us

B) **SLIDE Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ( ICB )** <sup>13</sup> Now, everything has been heard. Here is my final advice: Honor God and obey his commands. This is the most important thing people can do. <sup>14</sup> God knows everything people do, even the things done in secret. He knows all the good and all the bad. He will judge everything people do.

- 1) God knows everything we do
- 2) He reads our Facebook posts, looks at all Instagram pictures, knows all our SnapChats, reads all of our texts
- 3) No one escapes His judgment
- 4) We are not to live in fear of making a mistake and going to hell
- 5) We believe in true repentance and have faith in God
- 6) Neither are we to practice "cheap grace" doing whatever we want

- 7) We are not to fret because of evil doers or imitate their ways
- 8) Instead, we are to honor God and obey His commands
- C) **SLIDE** John 5:24-30 (NIV) [Jesus proclaimed,] <sup>24</sup> "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup> I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. **SLIDE** <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. <sup>30</sup> By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

#### IV Resurrection from the dead and Eternal Judgement

##### A) These two logically fit together

- 1) However, we are living in a time when even the church has separated these two truths
- 2) I have nothing to fear because I am a good person, and Jesus loves me
- 3) Or, we will live forever, but hell is only a myth
- 4) Hell is not a tool to scare people into accepting Christ
- 5) Instead of running from hell, we are to run to Jesus
- 6) If the fear of judgement is our motivation, then, as soon as we are saved, we will go merrily on our own way
- 7) If we run to Jesus because we believe in Him, then we enter into an eternal relationship with Him
- 8) That relationship saves us from hell but not from eternal judgment

## V Now what?

A) **SLIDE Hebrews 5:12-6:2 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

<sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. <sup>1</sup> Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity,

1) **SLIDE Jude 1:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

a) Urge -Exhort; Beseech; implore; fervently urge

b) Contend

i) Earnestly struggle

ii) To contend for something means to struggle and agonize for victory

## B) Why contend?

- 1) Because of the fight between the darkness and the light
- 2) We lay the foundation of these elementary truths and we build on them by contending for the faith
- 3) We mature by constantly using the word of God, by believing it and acting on it
- 4) We strive to take the light everywhere we go
- 5) We struggle for the victory to see our families, friends, communities and nation saved
- 6) Soldiers contend by getting involved
- 7) We contend for the faith by standing up, training ourselves by the constant use of God's word

### C) Elections

- 1) On the surface, this is a political election
- 2) More importantly, it is a battle for the soul of this nation
- 3) This is not about Republicans vs. Democrats
- 4) It is about lawlessness vs. righteousness
- 5) It is about the light vs. darkness
- 6) Capitol Hill Prayer Partners report
  - a) The following report has come to us from a trusted source, who wishes to remain anonymous. Her report is in reference to a nationwide conference call, now being held daily for the elections, and sponsored by a nationally known prayer ministry of solid integrity.

*"Some witches got on this conference call after the leader stepped down, but the saints continued to pray. The witches were screaming while the saints prayed in tongues. Someone started reading SCRIPTURE and THEY FINALLY GOT OFF!"*
  - b) **SLIDE** Elisha and servant - surrounded by Aram's army
  - c) King of Aram sent horses, soldiers, chariots and surrounded Elisha to capture and silence him
  - d) It may look like we are surrounded, but we are surrounded by Him!
  - e) That is how we fight our battles.
  - f) PRAY - tomorrow night 6:30