

Colossians: Positive Living in a Negative Culture - Part 10

Safe and Secure

First Baptist Church and The Lakefront Church - Venice, Florida

One Church - Two Locations

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1. THE WARNING

Revelation 20:11-15 (CSB) *Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹²I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. ¹³Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works. ¹⁴Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

A. Judgment coming to the dead.

- Since everybody dies, who are the dead in this verse?

Romans 8:2 (CSB) ... *the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

- The dead are those who have rejected Jesus!

B. ¹¹*Earth and heaven fled* - no place to hide

Hebrews 9:27 (CSB) *And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment—*

C. Everybody dies - Then judgment.

- There is no purgatory, no place to make good what you did wrong, no second chances.

D. Jesus is the judge.

John 5:22 (CSB) *The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son,*

- The rejected Savior is the judge who will pass the final sentence.

2. THE ESCAPE ROUTE

A. Jesus

Colossians 2:9-15 (CSB) *For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ,¹⁰ and you have been filled by Him, who is the head over every ruler and authority.*

There was controversy in Colossae about whether Jesus was fully God. The Holy Spirit sets the record straight!

- God's nature resides in Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:13

B. Allowed into the Shelter

¹¹*You were also circumcised in Him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,¹² when you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.*

1. Outward Expression of a Covenant with God
2. You Become Family Genesis 17:10a (CSB)
3. You Have a New Identity

¹³*And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses.¹⁴ He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.*

- You are no longer defined by what you have done.
- The debt of sin (death and disgrace) has been paid!

¹⁵*He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them in Him.*

Revelation 19:20 (CSB)

Revelation 20:10 (CSB) *The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*