

## BEYOND FIRST FOUNDATIONS 6 - ETERNAL JUDGEMENT

**Heb. 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, **not laying again the foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, **and of eternal judgment.** <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits.

### I. ETERNAL JUDGEMENT IS A FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY

**HELL: The place everybody talks about but nobody wants to go to themselves.** Although, people often wish other people would go there

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<https://bereanbiblesociety.org/hell-sheol-hades-paradise-and-the-grave/>
- **I WON'T BE TALKING ABOUT THE DISTINCTIONS REGARDING HELL. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHY THE REALITY OF ETERNAL JUDGEMENT MATTERS ALL PEOPLE**

**Eph. 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup> having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation (**THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEAVEN'S RESOURCES DISPENSED**) of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

#### A. THE GOSPEL IS COMPLETELY GRACE BUT HAS ALWAYS INCLUDED THE REALITY OF A FINAL JUDGEMENT

##### 4. JESUS TALKED ABOUT HELL

- Jesus discussed hell **MORE THAN ANY OTHER PERSON in the Bible,**
- He used the term Gehenna (translated as hell), which was a narrow ravine outside Jerusalem known for burning refuse, metaphorically representing divine judgment. It was also the location for Molech Worship - babies sacrificed there.
- He depicted a place of suffering (Luke 16:23), destruction of both soul and body (Matt 10:28), and a place prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41).

##### 1. THE WHEAT AND TARES - DIVINE SORTING

**Matt. 13:24** Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.<sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.<sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?"<sup>28</sup> He said to them, "An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'<sup>29</sup> But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.<sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "**First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.**" ' ' "

## 2. SHEEP AND GOAT NATIONS

**Matt. 25:31** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.<sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

## 3. A NARROW AND WIDE GATE - CLUE: IF IT'S EASY, RECONSIDER

**Matt. 7:13** "Enter by **the narrow gate**; for **wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction**, and there are many who go in by it.<sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## 5. THE GATES OF HELL (HADES) WILL NOT PREVAIL (WITHSTAND US)

**MT. 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**(HELL CAN'T KEEP US OUT AS WE SNATCH PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE JAWS OF ETERNAL JUDGEMENT - THERE IS WORK TO DO!)**

## II. THE WRATH OF GOD

**THE VISUAL FOR JUDGEMENT IS THE CROSS. THROUGH THE CROSS, GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN. HE HATES IT. JUDGEMENT IS FINAL AND WILL COME. THE WAY OUT IS THE CROSS. JESUS PROVIDES A WAY OF ESCAPE FROM HELL BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH.**

**Rom. 1:18** For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness **of** men, who suppress **the** truth in unrighteousness,

**Rom. 2:5** *But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.*

**Rom. 3:19** *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.* <sup>20</sup> *Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.* **21 BUT NOW** *the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,* <sup>22</sup> *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;* <sup>23</sup> *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* <sup>24</sup> *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,* <sup>25</sup> *whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith....*

**WRATH requires PROPITIATION, which is a SACRIFICE AND APPEASEMENT to satisfy GOD'S RIGHTEOUS STANDARD, so He can provide REDEMPTION through Jesus Christ, so we can AVOID ETERNAL JUDGEMENT.**

## **II. ETERNAL JUDGEMENT IS A THING**

### **A. THE WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT OF ALL MEN**

**Rev. 20:11** *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.* <sup>12</sup> *And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.* <sup>13</sup> *The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.* <sup>14</sup> *Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.* <sup>15</sup> *And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

### **B. THE BELIEVER'S JUDGEMENT FOR CHRISTIANS**

**2Cor. 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (BELIEVER'S JUDGEMENT - Think of it as an Awards Banquet)*

### **C. THE JUDGEMENT OF SIN AT THE CROSS - WHEN WE VIEW THE CROSS WE SEE HOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD JUDGES AND HATES SIN.**

**Is. 53:4** *Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.* <sup>5</sup> *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He*

was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

**1Cor. 1:18** For **the** message of **the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is **the** power of God.

**Col. 2:13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

### III. ALL JUSTICE IS IN THE CROSS

#### NO FAKE CHRISTIANS ALLOWED

**Matt. 7:23** And then I will declare to them, **“I never knew you; depart from Me...”**

#### FINALITY OF DEATH - GAME OVER

**Luke 16:19** “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, <sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> **So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.** <sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **Luke 16:24** “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you **there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.**’ **Luke 16:27** “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, **“If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”**

#### MAKE A DECISION NOW BECAUSE A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT THE END