
FOUNDATION STONE 6

ETERNAL JUDGMENT

As we come to the sixth and final foundation stone found in Hebrews chapter six, we will learn about our final destination both as believers and non-believers alike. This foundation stone testifies of the time and place where all will recognize Jesus as the Son of God. The believers will praise Him for the blood He shed for our salvation and yet the non-believer will curse Him as found in the book of Revelation. I believe that at this time the scripture found in **Romans chapter 14:10b-12** will be fulfilled. For we will all stand in judgment. **I Corinthians 3:12-15** **The believer will go before the judgment seat of Christ to receive their rewards according to their works. The unbeliever will go before the Great White Throne Judgment seat of God.** For it is written, “*AS I live, says the Lord every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.*” So then each one of us will give account of himself to God. Some of the questions that we might have concerning **Eternal Judgment** will be answered in this lesson.

WHY IS IT CALLED THE ETERNAL JUDGMENT?

It is called **Eternal Judgment** because there will be no end to the sentence man receives for his or her deeds committed while here on earth.

Acts 17:30-31

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

Hebrews 9:27-28

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Matthew 25:41

Then He shall say to those on His left, depart from Me, accursed ones, into the lake of fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

In the preceding scriptures we see that the believer will receive eternal salvation while the non-believer will receive eternal punishment.

HOW MANY JUDGMENTS ARE THERE & WHAT ARE THEY?

There will be two separate judgments and they are called the judgment seat of Christ and the great white throne judgment. Every person ever to be born will stand before one of these judgment seats. First we will study about the judgment seat of Christ and what will take place there. It is at this judgment seat that all born again believers will receive their rewards according to their deeds while on earth.

I Corinthians 3:13-15

Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

II Corinthians 5:10

For we (the believer) must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Read John 5:19-47

The second judgment or as it is called the great white throne judgment will be where all the unrepentant sinners will face God and be given their sentence. There will be no opportunity to repent at this time and no one will have any excuses.

Daniel 7:9-10

I kept looking until the thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames; its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat; and the books were opened.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead and the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire, this is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Jude 1:6

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

We do not hear this taught in most churches today and this is why sin not only is wide spread in our cities, but also within our churches. We do not teach about the eternal punishment that we bring upon ourselves because it is not a popular doctrine, and will not keep the pews full. Most pastors receive their income from the church and if the pews are empty, so

are their wallets. If pastors would trust God, and minister accordingly, He would bless them abundantly. We should not omit the teaching of the great white throne judgment from the **Word of God**, but rather teach how to avoid the **judgment of God**. That is why we have been studying Hebrews chapter six verses 1 thru 6. In doing so and applying the teachings in our lives, we can avoid the great white throne judgment.

WHAT ARE THE BOOKS THAT WE WILL BE JUDGED FROM?

WE find the word of God indicates that there are three books that will be present at the great white throne judgment and only two at the judgment seat of Christ. At the great white throne judgment God will open three books; they are the **BOOK OF LAWS, THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS, AND THE BOOK OF LIFE**. The first was the book of laws to prove that no man could abide by the laws that God established on Mt. Sinai when He spoke to Moses. The second was the book of the Gospels to prove that Jesus His Son fulfilled the laws and brought salvation by grace thru faith in Him whom He sent. The third was the book of life, in which all the names of the believers are written. At this time God will open the book of life to show those standing before Him that their names are not found in the book and they will be cast out because of their unbelief.

We find the word indicates that at the judgment seat of Christ, two of the books will be opened. The first will be the book of life to show those who are standing before Jesus that their names are written in the book and that they have received eternal salvation thru Him. The second book will be the book of the gospels which contain His instructions on how we should have worked out our salvation. We are saved simply by grace through faith, but our rewards are determined by our works of obedience to Him.

Let's see what His word tells us about the book of the law. Here we find that God shows mankind that they cannot abide in His laws, and they become a stumbling block for mankind.

Deuteronomy 31:24-26

*It came about, when Moses finished writing the words of this book until they were complete, that Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, take this **book of the law** and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.*

2 Kings 22:8 & 13

*Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the **book of the law** in the house of the Lord, and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it. (13) Go inquire of the Lord for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the Lord that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.*

The second book to be opened will be the **book of the Gospels**. It is here that God will show mankind that His provision for salvation could not be accomplished under the letter of the law, but only thru His mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.

Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 4:16

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Finally the last book to be opened will be **the book of life**. It is here that we will see our life played out in front of Jesus our Savior. The events that will be revealed to us will not determine our salvation, but will determine our places in Gods Kingdom for eternity.