



Sermon Series: 16 Fundamental Truths
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Truth #16—The New Heaven & New Earth

What are the 16 Fundamental Truths?

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TRUTH #15 - The Final Judgment

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead—those who have died without accepting Christ’s salvation— will be raised and judged according to the way they lived. Anyone whose name is not found written in the Book of Life (the recorded list of those who have received Christ’s forgiveness), together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be sent to the everlasting punishment in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (sulfur), which is the second death.

Jesus gives this perfect analogy about the final judgement when He will divide those who truly know Him, served Him, and had a relationship with Him, and those who did not surrender to Him. (**Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15. John 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:10-21**)

ESCHATOLOGY - refers to the study of beliefs regarding **the end times**, including death, Christ’s return, millennial views, judgment, heaven & hell.

Will Christians be judged?

Followers of Jesus have already had their sins forgiven through Jesus’ shed blood on the cross.

John 5:24 — “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has **eternal life** and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Instead of standing in front of the **Great White Throne**, followers of Christ will stand before the **Judgement Seat of Christ** and will be judged directly after the **Rapture**. This judgement does not determine eternal destination, but rather the reward that will be received or lost in heaven. Here the saints will be individually judged for their deeds.

SIGNIFICANCE

God is a God of love. He is also a God of Holiness & Justice. He cannot allow sin & wickedness to go unpunished. One false teaching suggests that all people, whether righteous or wicked, will eventually be saved. But this is contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture.

This doctrine is important because it reminds all humans that: the wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**), there is is a coming judgement of everlasting punishment waiting the devil, his cohorts, and all the people who have not accepted God’s gracious provisions of salvation.

He places this **burden for the lost & their waiting eternal punishment** on the hearts of those who already know His love & salvation. It is for this reason that a **primary mission of the Church** is **evangelizing the world**, seeking to save as many people as possible from **the judgement to come**.

REFLECTIONS on The FINAL JUDGMENT:

TRUTH #16 - The New Heavens & New Earth

In the midst of our daily struggles and difficulties, we are encouraged by the promise of what God has prepared for His faithful followers (**Revelation 21 & 22**).

Jesus told His disciples, and made the promise to all generations of Christians. “I am going there to prepare a place for you...if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me” (**John 14:2-3**).

SIGNIFICANCE:

After the thousand-year Millennium, all Christians will dwell forever with God and have access to a beautifully restored universe. This doctrine is important because it assures us of our future abode in a world far better than this one.

REFLECTIONS on The MILLENNIAL REIGN of CHRIST
