

The Great White Throne of Judgement

Revelation 20:11-15

- I. A saving faith in Jesus Christ is the most important thing in life.
 - A. 2 Corinthians 13:5 “*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith*”.
 - B. Personal faith indicators:
 1. Do you have a genuine desire to know, worship and obey God?
 2. Is compassion, forgiveness, patience, generosity, and humility becoming increasingly visible in your life?
 3. Not perfection, but is there a continuing willingness to turn away from sin and pursue holiness in your life?
 4. Are your decisions about relationships, money, time, career, and ethics influenced and driven by your commitment to Christ?
 5. Does your faith remain present even during hardship, doubt, loss, or persecution?
 6. Do you have a growing hunger for spiritual understanding resulting in an increasing engagement in God’s Word and in prayer?
 7. Is fellowship, worship, accountability, and serving others in the church becoming more and more important to you?
 8. Is your faith producing more and more humility and less and less self-righteousness?
 9. Is your identity, security, and future hope increasingly rooted in Christ rather than status, success, or possessions?
- II. Revelation 20:11-15
 - A. The end of heaven and earth as we know it and eternal judgement for the unsaved.
 - B. Foretold in both Old and New Testaments (Partial lists).
 1. Old Testament— Isaiah 51:6; Daniel 7:9-10; Jeremiah 17:10.
 2. New Testament—Luke 21:33; 2 Peter 3:10; John 5:25-29
 - C. The setting—a courtroom: No attorneys, no defense, no discussion, just sentencing.
- III. The big Bible picture.
 - A. Genesis 2-3—sin enters the world.
 - B. Romans 5—sin spreads to all mankind. All mankind is “spiritually dead”.

- C. God's solution to our sin problem—through Jesus Christ the sinner can be “born again”.

IV. The great white throne of judgement.

- A. God sits on the throne, He is the judge—Jesus Christ (John 5:22; Acts 10:42).
 - 1. Heaven and earth have “fled away”—is “uncreated” (V.11).
- B. The dead (V.12)—the trial is for the lost—all unregenerate people from all time.
 - 1. Death is the great “equalizer”— *The great and small*.
- C. What happens when a person dies?
 - 1. The Christian—*absent from the body home with the Lord* 2 Corinthians 5:6–8
 - 2. The unsaved—Eventually all will attend the great white throne of judgement for an eternal sentencing to the Lake of Fire—Hell.

GETTING INTO HEAVEN IS NEVER DECIDED AFTER DEATH!

- D. The books (Vs. 12-13)—Possible suggestions:
 - 1. The Bible (John 12:48)
 - 2. The book of records (Psalm 139:16)
 - 3. The book of remembrance (Psalm 56; Malachi 3:16).
 - 4. The book of works (Revelation 20:13)
 - 5. The book of life (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; Psalm 69:28)

V. The “second death” (Vs.13-14)

- A. John 11:25-26 “...everyone who lives and believes in Me (Jesus) will never die...”

Born once, die twice... born twice, die once

When you're staring at death, that is NOT the time to get your hope squared away... The time you get your hope squared away is NOW!

- Voddie Baucham

