



Park Community Church

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The Great White Throne
Revelation 20:11-15

Summary

Revelation 20:11-15 focuses on the Great White Throne Judgment, a future day when every person will stand before God and the Lamb to receive a verdict on their eternity. Pastor Mike walks through three key questions from the passage: who sits on the throne, who is being judged, and what the books represent. Pastor Mike highlighted the theme of God and the Lamb sharing the throne throughout Revelation, showing that both the Father and the Son are united in this final judgment.

Pastor Mike closed with three urgent applications. First, believers are called to trust the one on the throne, knowing that God is perfectly just and righteous in all His judgments. Second, everyone should be sobered by the reality of hell and the weight of that coming day. Third, and most importantly, every person must ensure their name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life by running to Christ for forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. Those who trust in Jesus are ransomed by the Lamb and will have no fear on that day, but will instead hear the words, 'Come, enter into the kingdom prepared for you.'

Questions

1. Pastor Mike described God's posture toward us as that of a loving, tender Father who is eager to receive us. How does that image of God affect the way you approach Him in prayer and worship?
2. Revelation 20:11 describes a great white throne from which earth and sky flee away. What does this image communicate to you about the holiness and authority of God?
3. This text points out that both believers and unbelievers will stand before the throne on judgment day. How does knowing that reality shape the way you think about your daily choices and priorities?
4. Pastor Mike explained that there are two sets of books: one recording what people have done, and the Lamb's Book of Life, which is decisive for eternity. What does it mean to you personally that your destiny rests not on your record but on whether your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life?
5. Pastor Mike described hell as being eternally separated from God, which the pastor called pure anguish for a soul made to be in relationship with God. How does this description affect the way you think about sharing your faith with people you love?

6. Trusting God's perfect justice frees us to forgive others, because either their sin has been paid for by Christ or it will be reckoned with on judgment day. Is there a situation in your life where this truth could help you release bitterness or resentment?
7. Jesus told the 72 disciples not to rejoice that demons were subject to them, but to rejoice that their names were written in heaven. What are some things in your own life that you tend to celebrate more than the fact that you belong to God?
8. All of us have before us an invitation to run to Christ as the shelter and covering we need on judgment day. For someone who has not yet done that, what do you think holds people back from making that decision?

Application

This week, take a few minutes each day to reflect on the reality that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Let that truth shape one specific decision, conversation, or attitude. Consider reaching out to one person in your life who may not yet know Christ and praying for an opportunity to share the hope you have in Him.

Key Takeaways

1. God the Father and God the Son are united on the Great White Throne, and every person, believer and unbeliever alike, will one day stand before them in judgment.
2. The Lamb's Book of Life is the decisive factor in determining a person's eternal destiny. Those who have trusted in Christ are ransomed by the Lamb and their names are written there.
3. Hell is a real and eternal reality, described as being fully separated from God, and no one spoke about it more seriously than Jesus Himself.
4. God's judgment is perfectly righteous and just. Trusting in that truth frees believers to forgive others and to release bitterness, knowing that God will set all things right.
5. The greatest reason for joy is not what we accomplish or experience in this life, but that our names are written in heaven. This eternal perspective should shape how we live every day.