

Sermon Quotes
January 6th, 2008
Eternity and Eternal Things- The Judgment Of God

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For the Unbeliever – We'll be talking about what you will most certainly face if you persist in rejecting Christ and then die.

For the Believer – We'll be talking about what you will most certainly escape—because of God's Mercy in Christ.

“Some might find it surprising that I would teach a nine-year-old boy about God's wrath toward sin. But I find it surprising that any loving person would withhold this truth from another person they love. Because only when we understand God's wrath toward sin can we realize that we need to be saved from it. Only when we hear the very bad news that we're deserving of judgment can we appreciate the very good news that God has provided salvation through His Son.”

—CJ Mahaney

John 5:24, 26-29 ESV “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word **and believes him** who sent me **has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life...**For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for **an hour is coming** when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

“Because we are sinners, we are not entitled to enter God's presence. We cannot enter Heaven as we are...Unless our sin problem is resolved, the only place we will go is our true default destination...Hell will be inhabited by people who haven't received God's gift of redemption in Christ. After Christ returns, there will be a resurrection of believers for eternal life in Heaven and a resurrection of unbelievers for eternal existence in Hell.”

—Randy Alcorn

“Hell will not be like it's often portrayed in comic strips, a giant lounge where between drinks people tell stories of their escapades on Earth. Rather, it will be a place of utter misery. It will be a place of conscious punishment for sins, with no hope of relief. This is why Dante, in the Inferno, envisioned this sign chiseled above Hell's gate: 'Abandon every hope, you who enter.'”

—Randy Alcorn

“What is it to be lost? To be cast away from the presence of God, to be cast into hell, to have to suffer, and that forever, all that the justice of God can demand, all that the omnipotence of God can inflict. Why, sirs, if I have but a headache, or a toothache for one brief hour, my patience can scarcely endure the torture. What must it be to suffer such pains for a century? Man, I cannot guess what it must be! What must it be to have ten thousand times worse pains than these for ever and ever? But all the pangs and pains from which men suffer here are nothing to be compared with the woes and mental anguish of the world to come...And there, as you lie, tormented to the quick, you will have this to be your miserable portion: I heard the gospel, but I would not heed it; Christ was put before me, but I would not acknowledge Him; I was urged to believe in His name and fly to Him for salvation, but I hesitated...delayed, and at length denied Him. And all for what? For a little drink, a little dance, a little sin that yielded me but slight pleasure, or for worldly gain? Lost, lost, lost...and all for nothing.”

—Charles Spurgeon

John 6:40 ESV “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son **and believes in him should have eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

1 John 5:13 ESV “I write these things to you **who believe in the name of the Son of God** that you **may know that you have eternal life.**”

John 5: 28-29 “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, **those who have done good** to the resurrection of life, and **those who have done evil** to the resurrection of judgment.”

Rev 20: 12-13 “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, **according to what they had done.** (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, **according to what they had done.**”

James 2:17-18 ESV “So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**”

2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV “Examine yourselves, to **see whether you are in the faith.** Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”

Self-Test “Are You in the Faith?”

1. Do you believe in Jesus (believe so as to follow)?
2. Are you trusting in Christ to save you, in His finished work on the Cross vs. your own good deeds?
3. Are you pursuing a relationship with the Lord or just attending church?
4. Are you bearing fruit?
5. Are you growing in your love for God, the things of God, the people of God vs. worldly desires and worldly pursuits?

“The Lord permits the debater of this world to stumble, while those who receive the kingdom of God as little children find out the great secret, and rejoice in it. Suppose the gospel had been such a difficult thing to explain, and such a very hard matter to understand, what would become of the many who are now rejoicing in Christ, and yet have by birth and constitution have the most shallow capacities? It is wonderful how one but little raised above an idiot can yet grasp the gospel. What a blessing that it is so. We clap our hands for joy because the gospel reveals the plain man’s pathway to heaven, and makes the most illiterate wise unto salvation. The shepherd on Salisbury Plain can understand the gospel as well as the Bishop in Salisbury Cathedral; and the Dairyman’s Daughter can feel its power as fully as a Princess.”

—Charles Spurgeon