

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

1. Definitions: The Great White Throne judgment is the last judgment for all unbelievers where they are evaluated according to the works they have substituted for belief in Christ.
 - A. This is where God measures His righteousness in Christ with the righteousness of mankind.
 - B. God's righteousness is perfect and will show man that mere human righteousness cannot equal or substitute for God's righteousness. Isaiah 64:6
 - D. Human works do not measure up to what God expects, Ephesians 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6.
2. Unbelievers appear at the end of the Millennium before the Great White Throne because of their unpardonable sin which is their unbelief in Christ as Savior.
 - A. Matthew 12:31; Mark 3:28-29 shows that the Jews rejected Christ as Savior and that is the unpardonable sin.
 - B. Christ died for all the personal sins of mankind except unbelief, 1 John 2:2; John 3:16-21; John 1:29; John 3:36.
 - C. God the Father cannot forgive unbelief for it is the arrogant rejection of God's plan and the substitution of humanism, social gospel, religion, and ritual, in place of God's righteousness.
3. Since the unbeliever rejected Christ as Savior he stands before God on the basis of his own human works, Revelation 20:11-15, which will be rejected by God.
4. Jesus Christ was judged for the sins of the whole world, 1 John 2:2. Therefore, no one is judged for their sins at the Great White Throne; in fact, their sins are never even brought up.
5. The fire of judgment burns away all the wood, hay and stubble produced by the unbeliever in his lifetime. This is the result of rejecting Christ's work on the cross for the sins of mankind and the substitution of other things in its place.

- Wood refers to rejection of the deity of Christ. The opposite to wood is the gold production of the Christian where the deity of Christ is accepted and He is worshipped, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.
 - Hay refers to the unbeliever's rejection of the perfect, sinless humanity of Christ. The opposite of hay is the silver production of the Christian where he recognizes the virgin birth, perfect sinless character, and perfect sinless life of Christ.
 - Stubble refers to unacceptable works or production since the unbeliever did not have the Holy Spirit so he has no divine good production. The opposite of stubble is the precious stones produced in the life of the Christian when filled by the Holy Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23, love, joy, peace, etc.
 - The unbeliever must be condemned and cast into the lake of fire because God cannot allow anyone into heaven who does not have HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS in them.
6. The evaluation of the unbeliever at the Great White Throne is an evaluation of human good works and they are rejected, Isaiah 64:6 .
7. Note the events of the Great White Throne in Revelation 20:11-16.

Verse 11, Christ is the judge, Revelation 1:13-15, what He appears like as the Judge; John 5:22, 27, He is the one who casts unbelievers into the lake of fire for refusing to accept Him as Savior.

Verse 12, "dead," - spiritually dead, unbelievers, stand before God at the resurrection of the unbelievers and the books of human good works are opened and all good deeds since the first unbeliever, Cain, are recorded.

Verse 13, "judged every man according to their works," **not their sins**.

Verse 15, their name was not found in the book of life,"- since they died without accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior their name was ERASED from the Book of Life.

- A. In Eternity Past God, through grace, recorded all of mankind's names in the Book of Life. However, those who rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ, have their names erased from the Book of Life when they die.

- B. They are all cast into the lake of fire with their old sin nature desires and lusts still intact in their spirit bodies where they will burn for eternity. Luke 16 shows unbelievers in Torments in Hades.

- B. They will feel pain in body and in soul. Hades will later be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. Their suffering never ceases. Revelation 20:14