

Philippians 1:21

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:23

“But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better.”

II Corinthians 5:6-8

“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight – we are of good courage, I say, and prefer to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

Luke 23:43

“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

The King and His Kingdom

1) The Rapture of the Church

Doctrinal Statement

“**We believe** that the return of Jesus Christ at the Rapture is imminent and personal...He will meet His church in the air, and “so shall we ever be with the Lord” (I Thess. 4:13-18). We teach that the Rapture is pretribulational and after the seven-year period of tribulation, Christ will visibly return with the saints to occupy the throne of David (Luke 1:31-33) and establish His 1000 year kingdom reign upon the earth (Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6).”

I Thessalonians 5:9

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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- 1) The Rapture of the Church
- 2) The Judgment Seat of Christ

II Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Romans 14:10

“But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.”

The Judgment Seat of Christ

“BEMA” = “A raised place mounted by steps (a platform) used of the official seat of a judge”
(Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10

The BEMA was used as a place for judging cases (cf. Acts 18:12); and it was also the place where rewards were given out to those who were winners at the games.

Participants at Judgment Seat

JESUS is the all knowing, fair and good Judge
(Cf. Rev. 22:12)

ALL BELIEVERS who are involved in the
Rapture event (Cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)

*Saints from the OT and the Tribulation are
apparently evaluated at the 2nd Coming of Christ

The Criteria of our Evaluation by the Lord

(1) THE WORD OF GOD. How close did our lives line up with the standards found in the Word? This requires understanding and application of scriptural principles.

(2) OUR FAITHFULNESS. How faithful were we in using what Christ gave to us? (Our spiritual gifts/natural abilities, finances, IQ, opportunities, positions, etc.)

(3) OUR MOTIVES. Why did we do what we did?

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- 1) The Rapture of the Church
- 2) The Judgment Seat of Christ
- 3) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:9

“Then he said to me, ‘Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’”

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- 1) The Rapture of the Church
- 2) The Judgment Seat of Christ
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- 4) The Tribulation

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2. To judge the wicked and the nations (Revelation 5-16)

Matthew 24:21-22

“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”

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5) The Second Coming of Christ

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- A. The Judgment of the Living Gentiles
- B. The Judgment of Living Israel
- C. The Resurrection of Old Testament saints and Tribulation Martyrs

Daniel 12:2

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.”

Daniel 12:13

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

Matthew 27:51-53

“And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.”

The Second Coming of Christ

- A. The Judgment of the Living Gentiles
- B. The Judgment of Living Israel
- C. The Resurrection of Old Testament saints and Tribulation Martyrs
- D. The Binding of Satan
- E. The Establishment of the Kingdom

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- 6) The Millennial Kingdom

Views of the Millennium

- 1) Premillennialism
- 2) Amillennialism
- 3) Postmillennialism

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- 6) The Millennial Kingdom
- 7) The Final Judgments

The Final Judgments

- A. The Final Judgment of Satan and his Fallen Angels
- B. The Great White Throne Judgment of all Unbelievers
- C. The Judgment of the Heavens and the Earth

II Peter 3:7

“But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

II Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”

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- 6) The Millennial Kingdom
- 7) The Final Judgments
- 8) The Eternal State