



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 31st October 2021

Series- Final Things 2

Judgement

27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:27-28

1. Within history

- Flood, Exile, Assyria and Babylon (In both directions)
- Ananias & Saphira???
- Jerusalem AD 70.

2. Final Judgement

- Matthew 11:24, Acts 17:31, Hebrews 9:27

3. Jesus as Saviour & Judge

- Christ as Judge: John 5:25-26, Acts 10:42, 2 Tim. 4:1
- Christ as recipient of judgement. Matthew 27:45-46, 2 Cor. 5:21, Isaiah 52:14.
- Savior from it. John 5:24, Gal. 2:20.

4. Who & on what basis?

- Unbelievers. (Rom. 14:10 & 2 Cor 5:10)
- Believers. Sin is serious / Salvation not in question
 - Basis: Right response to Jesus (John 5:21-30 & 1 John 4:17)
 - Degrees of reward & punishment?

Some implications:

- Calls us to respond rightly to Jesus.
- Satisfies our innate desire for justice.
- Enables us to love enemies & forgive.
- An incentive to holiness.
- Motivates Evangelism.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 11:24, Acts 17:31, Hebrews 9:27. What do these verses reveal about judgement?
2. Read John 5:25-26, Acts 10:42, 2 Tim. 4:1. According to these verses, who does the judging?
3. Read Matthew 27:45-46, 2 Cor. 5:21, Isaiah 52:14. What do these verses reveal about Jesus and judgement?
4. Read John 5:24, Gal. 2:20. What do these passages reveal to us about Jesus, judgement and the Christian?
5. Read Matthew 25:32, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Heb. 9:27. According to these verses, who will face judgement?
6. Read John 5:21-30 & 1 John 4:17. According to these verses what is the “most important reality in relation to judgement?”

B. Meditation & application

7. Why is the doctrine of judgement important to the Christian faith?
8. On what basis are human beings judged and what response does this call people too in the present?
9. What would you say to someone who said that that idea of a judgement day is abhorrent or wrong? How could you convince them of the justice of it?
10. What difference does the reality of judgement make to how you live in the present?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- We know that you're a God of justice. We thank you that you are bringing history to an end and that you will call people to account. Help us to live in light of this reality. In Jesus Name. Amen.