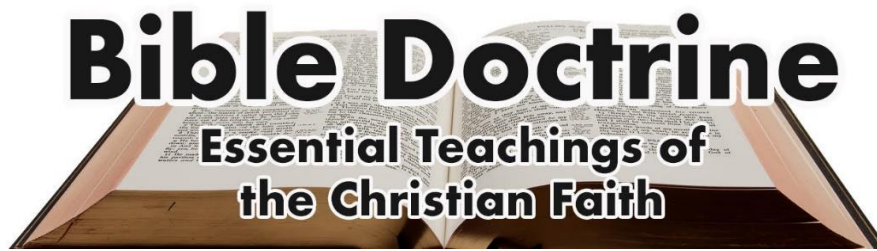


# Bible Doctrine

## Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith



### Lesson 50: Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment

#### Chapter 33

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#### I. The reality of the Final Judgment.

Revelation 20:11-15 - *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Acts 17:30-31 - *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*

#### II. The nature of the Final Judgment.

##### A. Jesus Christ will be the Judge.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

2 Timothy 4:1 - *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:*

##### B. Unbelievers will be judged.

Romans 2:5-6 - *But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who "will render to each one according to his deeds":*

Luke 20:46-47 - *"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, <sup>47</sup> who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."*

##### C. Believers will be judged.

Romans 14:10-12 - *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For it is written:*

*"As I live, says the Lord,  
Every knee shall bow to Me,  
And every tongue shall confess to God."*

*<sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*

John 5:28-29 - *Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*

1. Believers receive rewards.

Romans 8:1 - *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who <sup>[a]</sup> do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 - *Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

D. Angels will be judged.

2 Peter 2:4 - *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;*

Jude 6 - *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

### **III. The justice of God in the Final Judgment.**

1 Peter 1:17 - *And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;*

Romans 2:11 - *For there is no partiality with God.*

Revelation 19:1-2 - *After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!" <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."*

### **IV. Hell.**

A. Definition. "Hell is a place of eternal conscious punishment for the wicked." Wayne Grudem

B. Hell is a place of torment and suffering.

Matthew 25:30 - *And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Mark 9:43 - *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—*

C. Hell is a place of eternal punishment.

Matthew 25:46 - *And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*

Revelation 20:10 - *The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

D. The realities of hell should move us to evangelism.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.*