

# T R U T H

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## WEEK 10: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FINAL JUDGMENT

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WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

### KEY SCRIPTURES

**Ecclesiastes 12:14** “For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

**Acts 7:31** “For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.”

**Hebrews 9:27** “...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

**2 Timothy 4:1** “...Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead.”

**Acts 10:42** “...the one that God appointed to judge the living and the dead.”

**John 5** Jesus says God the Father “has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

**Revelation 20:11-13** “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and each person was judged according to what they had done.”

**Luke 12:47-48** “The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows.”

**Romans 14** says, “we will all stand before God’s judgment seat...each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” But for believers, it’s a very different kind of judgment. **Romans 8:1**: “there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** “ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

**Romans 12:19** “Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.”

**Revelation 20:15** “Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

**Matthew 25:41** “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

**Matthew 25:46** “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Genesis 18** “Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?”

**Colossians 4:5** “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

**Revelation 21:1-3** “Then I saw “a new heaven and new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

### **READ & REFLECT** on the above Scriptures using the questions below:

- What do you notice about God in these passages?
- What does this teach us about “truth?”
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

### **SERMON QUESTIONS**

1. How does believing in a future day when Jesus will judge the living and the dead shape the way you think about your decisions, attitudes, or relationships today?
2. Hell is described as eternal separation from God—a hard but biblical truth. How do you wrestle with the idea of hell? How does it increase your urgency or compassion for people who don’t yet know Christ?
3. Heaven is portrayed as a redeemed creation filled with God’s presence, joy, and fullness of life. Which part of the biblical picture of heaven most encourages you, especially in light of pain or struggles you’re facing now?
4. Our confidence in judgment doesn’t come from our goodness but from trusting in “the Lamb who was slain.” How does this truth affect the way you view your security in Christ and the way you live out your faith?

### **RESET**

**Col. 4:5** challenges us to “make the most of every opportunity” with people who don’t know Christ. Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? What specific step can you take this week to share the hope of the gospel with them – not out of judgement, but out of genuine care for their eternity?

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

- **Thank God** for His righteous judgment and mercy.
- **Invite group to pray** for hearts sensitive to His truth and justice.
- **Ask God** to empower us to serve and love in light of eternity.