

Eternal Judgement



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“Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of **eternal judgment.**”
Heb.6:1-2

Eternal judgement is the sixth elementary doctrine of Christ. This the final distinction between the good and the evil, the sheep and the goats.

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”
Rev.20:12-15.

There is clearly judgement on two levels. The Heaven and hell and the judgement according to works

The first step to escaping judgment of condemnation is to believe on the Lord Jesus. (Mark16:16). Jesus said to Nicodemus to be born again of the water and the spirit. John3:3-5.

The second step is the infilling of the holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciple to wait until the holy-Spirit filled them up. Acts1:4. A believer without the holy Spirit is like one of the foolish virgins in Matthew25. You cannot go far in Faith without the holy Spirit, word, and prayer. We are in the time where it seems like the coming of the Lord is being delayed. If we are not careful, our lamp will go dim. The bible admonishes us not to be weary in well doing because it is a possibility when we start lacking oil in our lamp. The more of Him you are the more fruit of the Spirit you grow.

*The other steps we will be discussing are not necessarily to be done in the order they are mentioned.

The third step is to be fruitful according to John15, Matt.7:19. Jesus told the disciple to wait for the infilling of the holy Spirit so they can become witnesses to the gospel of Christ. Acts1:8. Fruitfulness is a command and God has blessed us with this capability in the book of Genesis. The

fig tree was judged for lack of fruits and so we as believers must bear fruits using the gifts and talents we were given.

The parable of the talents tells us in Matthew 25:14-30 not to worry about how much talents we have as long as we can put that which we have to work. Every believer is called to serve in the body of Christ. Hiding our gift will bring us condemnation. Jesus in Matthew 7:21 said entering into the kingdom of heaven is not by professing Him Lord, but by doing the word of God.

The fourth step is judging ourselves so we are not judged. Judgement simply means to bring one to account. Every one of us will be brought to account for what we did here on earth. The bible admonishes us to judge ourselves so we are not judged. A believer should be a disciple of Christ who constantly uses the word of God to judge him/herself. God has not called us to judge others but ourselves. Rom. 14:4, 1 Cor. 11:31, Matt. 7:1-5

“Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world”.

The fifth step is to be consciously good to people. Matthew 25:31-46 laid emphasis on believers being a giver to make heaven. The emphasis is on believers because if you give without receiving and believing Jesus, your alms will be likened to that of Cornelius in Acts 10. God reached out to him because of his good heart. Without Cornelius believing, his giving will only have been rewarded here on earth.

The sixth step is taming the tongue. A believer cannot speak carelessly because we will be judged by the words of our mouth. Matthew 12:36-37. This is the reason a believer must guard his/her heart because the mouth only spills from the abundance of the heart.

The seventh step is to walk in forgiveness. The Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:12 says our forgiveness is dependent on us forgiving others. There is no limit to forgiveness.

No mortal man can abide with these seven steps without the help of the holy Spirit. We must submit to God, and be led by the Spirit to escape condemnation.