



Worthy Series – Part 5: Christ in His Judgement

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Faithful and True** (*New Life Worship*)
- **Holy Forever** (*Worship Center*)
- **We Fall Down** (*Bethel Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Revelation 20:1-10
- Romans 14:10, 12
- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
- Isaiah 2:1-5

OPENING PRAYER

Begin by praying together for a fresh revelation of God's holiness and worthiness.

OVERVIEW

This week's sermon addresses one of Scripture's weightier themes: the judgment of Christ. As you lead your group, create space for honest conversation. Many people carry complicated feelings about judgment — fear, confusion, or even resistance. The goal is not to produce anxiety but to produce worship, seeing Christ as the perfect, righteous, and completely accurate Judge. Encourage your group to engage with both the sobering and the hopeful dimensions of this topic.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Christ's judgment is not unfair, inaccurate, or unjust. He will miss neither a single reward nor a single unrepentant sin.
2. Believers will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, where both their works and the motives behind those works will be evaluated.
3. Satan's ultimate defeat is not uncertain — it is settled. He will be bound, briefly released, and then permanently cast into the lake of fire.
4. The Great White Throne judgment is the final reckoning for the unbelieving dead, where each person is judged according to what has been recorded.
5. The Book of Life is the determining factor at the Great White Throne. Salvation is not earned by works but received by grace through faith in Christ.
6. Scripture's vision of judgment is ultimately a vision of worship — Christ reigns as the perfect Judge, and that is cause for confidence, not dread, for those who belong to Him.

OPENING QUESTION

Pastor Brian pointed out that we seem to have a love-hate relationship with judgment. On one hand, culture pushes back against being judged. On the other hand, shows built entirely around expert judgment — like American Idol or MasterChef — have been wildly popular for decades.

- Where do you think that tension comes from?
- When does judgment feel threatening to you, and when does it feel satisfying or even comforting?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On the Judgment Seat of Christ

1. Romans 14:10 and 12 remind us that every believer will stand before God and give an account. How does that reality sit with you personally — does it produce fear, motivation, relief, or something else?

2. Pastor Brian referenced the commentary insight that some believers may arrive in heaven expecting great rewards, only to discover their works were burned up because the motives behind them were not truly unto the Lord. What does that challenge you to examine in your own life right now?
3. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 describes works being tested by fire. The passage makes clear that a person can still be saved even if all their works are burned up, though with great loss. What do you think it means practically to build with "gold, silver, and costly stones" rather than "wood, hay, and straw"?
4. If your motives were laid completely bare before Christ today, what do you think He would find? Are there areas of service, giving, or ministry where you sense your motives need realignment?

On the Millennial Reign and Satan's Judgment

5. Revelation 20:1-6 describes the thousand-year reign of Christ. Even if your group holds different views on the timing of the Rapture or the nature of the Millennium, what does this passage tell us about the character and authority of Christ?
6. After a thousand years of Christ reigning on earth in peace, Satan is released and immediately finds people willing to rebel. Pastor Brian asked: why would people rebel even in that environment? What does that reveal about the nature of human sinfulness?
7. Satan's defeat in Revelation 20:7-10 is swift and total. How does knowing that Satan's end is already written affect the way you face spiritual opposition in your daily life?

On the Great White Throne

8. Revelation 20:11-15 describes every unbelieving person standing before the throne, with books opened and each person judged according to what they have done. What does this passage tell us about God's thoroughness and fairness as Judge?
9. The Book of Life is the decisive factor at the Great White Throne. What does it mean to you personally that your name can be written there? How did it get there — and what does that say about the gospel?
10. Pastor Brian emphasized that Jesus will not be unfair, unjust, or inaccurate in His judgments. How does that truth change the way you think about injustices you see in the world today that seem to go unaddressed?

Going Deeper

Consider these passages on your own or as a group before your next meeting:

- Romans 14:10-12 — Every person will give an account to God
- 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 — Living with the Judgment Seat in view
- 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 — Works tested by fire
- Revelation 20:1-15 — The full sweep of Christ's end-times judgments
- Isaiah 2:1-5 — The prophetic vision of Christ's righteous reign

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

This week, choose at least one of the following to put into practice:

1. **Motive Check. Identify one area of your life** — serving, giving, leading, or relationships — and spend time in honest prayer asking the Lord to reveal whether your motives are truly for Him or for something else. Write down what He shows you.
2. **Live with the End in Mind.** Pastor Brian used the phrase "begin with the end in mind." Write down two or three things you want to be true of your life when you stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. Then identify one concrete step this week that moves you in that direction.
3. **Pray for the Unsaved.** The Great White Throne is a sobering reality for those whose names are not in the Book of Life. Make a list of two or three people in your life who do not know Christ. Commit to praying for them daily this week and ask God for an opportunity to share the gospel with them.
4. **Worship Through the Weight.** This sermon series frames Revelation as a book of worship. Set aside fifteen minutes this week to sit quietly with Revelation 20 and respond to what you read in prayer — thanking Christ for His justice, His reign, and His grace.

Closing Prayer

Close your time together in prayer. Consider praying through these areas as a group:

- Thank Christ that He is a perfect and righteous Judge.
- Ask for honest hearts that are willing to examine motives, not just actions.
- Pray for those who do not yet know Christ and whose names are not yet in the Book of Life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help your group live with eternity in view this week.