

# SEMINAR\_07 – THE JUDGMENT OF CHRIST

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;”

~ 2 Timothy 4:1

## 1. Introduction

- a. Fundamentals that are less popular, but might be called forgotten fundamentals
- b. **Post-truth** – ...objective facts are less than appeals to emotion and personal belief.
- c. The twin tenets of “offend no one” (emotions) and its corollary “no one is wrong” are so engrained into our thinking that Christian judgment is disallowed in the cultural courtroom. Christians, even Christ himself, is held to a natural judgment of faithless and wicked men. This is bad wrong in light of Eph 4:17-19
- d. Jesus Christ is the Head of all principality and power, the Judge of all men, Lord
- e. The judgment of Christ is a fundamental of Christianity.
- f. Why does the Bible and Christ make people angry? Sin, judgment, hell, His authority.
  - i. 60% Americans do not believe hell is an eternal place of judgment (Mormonism).  
60% believe all people will go to heaven avoiding such eternal judgment
  - ii. 40% do not think Christ will return and Judge. Remember 80-90% are ‘Christian’
  - iii. J Vernon – *This is God’s universe, he is doing things his Way. You may think...*

## 2. What the Bible Says

- a. Many religions teach God’s judgment and wrath, only we know the Judge is Christ
- b. John 14:6 – 6 of 7 fundamentals, IAM-person, way-work, truth-bible, life-res, father-God
- c. John 5:16-30 – all judgment committed unto the Son – John 5:22
  - i. John 12:47-50 Judgment by Christ’s words – he came first to save, again to judge
- d. Rom 1:16-18 Wrath of God revealed; Rom 2:16 – my gospel: every man w/o distinction
- e. Even the saved will stand before judgment seat of Christ - Rom 14:8-12; 2 Cor 5:10

## 3. Judgment and Sin and Hell

- a. People are allergic to talking about judgment is sin and hell; the revealing and the result
- b. In this way, sin is fundamental – Why? w/o sin, Christ died in vain – Gal 2:21
  - i. Justified by the law? Grace is no use to you – Gal 5:4
  - ii. Some want to remove talking about sin as if it is no longer an issue. It is
  - iii. Christ is the solution for the penalty, and power, but it is still present.
  - iv. Against thee only have I sinned – Ps 51:4; 1 Cor 8:12 - ye sin against Christ
- c. The truth there is right/wrong, sin/righteousness, else how does God Judge? Rom 3:4-5
- d. False theory - God of the OT seeks vengeance and NT speaks love/peace, but Rom 12:19
- e. Judgment of the OT with the NT – Ps 50:3-6 – God shall come to judge with a fire about
  - i. Rev 19:11-16 – Christ comes to judge and make war – to sit on a throne
- f. **This combats apostates that deny judgment for sin, hell, personal accountability, evangelism, and espouse universalism**
- g. The clichéd response of “Don’t judge” is fascinating in light of their desire to invoke God to stop evil in the world. – It is a cry against Christ.
- h. *Do you think I am going to hell?* You want me to judge you? I am not your judge.
  - i. No, I think about you before Christ in judgment. It’s not hell to fear, but God.
- i. *Why doesn’t He intervene to stop evil?* You want God to be righteous, miracle, judge evil
- j. The judgment of Christ is our motivation to evangelize, he can save or sentence, 2Ti 4:1