



Session 3: Presenter Gary Brandenburg

The Bible clearly teaches the fact that there will be a great final judgment of all humanity when Jesus returns. We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ in glorified bodies to hear His proclamation of our eternal destiny.

There are actually two judgments mentioned in the NT:

The "Bema Seat" judgment. 2 Cor. 5:9-10.

"The Great White Throne Judgment." Rev. 20:7-15; Acts 17:30-31.

Jesus will be the judge. Jn. 5:25-29.

What difference does this future judgment have on the way we live in the present?

1. Christians need not fear judgment. John 5:24, Ro. 8:1.
2. God's final judgment satisfies our craving for justice in the world. Rev. 20:12.
3. God's final judgment motivates us to forgive others.
4. The final judgment should motivate us to share the gospel with others.
5. The Bible describes Hell as a place of eternal conscious torment. Mk 9:43; Rev 14:9-11
6. "The horror of Hell is an echo of the infinite worth of God's glory." John Piper

"The infinite horrors of hell are intended by God to be a vivid demonstration of the infinite value of the glory of God. The biblical assumption of the justice of hell is a clear testimony to the infiniteness of the sin of failing to glorify God. All of us have failed. All the nations have failed. Therefore, the weight of infinite guilt rests on every human head because of our failure to cherish the glory of God. The biblical vision of God, then, is that he is supremely committed, with infinite passion, to uphold and display the glory of his name. And the biblical vision of man without grace is that he suppresses this truth and by nature finds more joy in his own glory than he does in God's. God exists to be worshiped, and man worships the work of his own hands. This twofold reality creates the critical need for missions. And the very God-centeredness of God, which creates the crisis, also creates the solution." John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*