

Jesus Christ—Our Ruling Judge

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible teaches that there will be a judgment because God is holy.
- B. There is evidence all over of God's judgment.
- C. Text: Acts 5:38.
- D. We create lawlessness in society, so there must be law and punishment as a result to bring some order.

II. Jesus Christ is the ultimate final ruling judge. Saints will judge with Christ after the resurrection of all. (John 5:22, Matthew 25:31, Acts 17:31, I Corinthians 6:2, John 5:22)

III. There is no way to escape the judgment of Christ. (Hebrews 9:27, II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20)

IV. Revelation and awards will happen at the judgment.

- A. There will be a disclosure of everything that a person is at this point. The good will be separated from the evil for the believer—this will not be a time where he will have to fear. (I Corinthians 4:5, I John 2:28)
- B. Awards will be given and taken away. (Matthew 5:7, Revelation 22:12, I Corinthians 3)
- C. Our privilege to know Christ will not be the same for everyone, but this is the goal.
- D. The basis for judgment is the light we have been given and our use of opportunities bestowed upon us.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that God does not judge people?

2. Should believers be afraid of the judgment? Explain.

3. What opportunities do you think God is presenting you in your life to share Christ and help others grow in Him? What can you do about these?
