

## JUDGMENT DAY (Amos 4:12)

**Hebrews 9:27** Judgment is certain, no one can escape it. Our number one priority in this life is to prepare to meet the Lord at the Judgment. The meaning of our text verse is not lost on anyone. Every person ever born plus those who are yet to be born have one appointment that will be kept on time and every person is guaranteed to receive a rightful and absolute earned outcome.

### THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

**Romans 8:1-4** Paul explains in legal terms to the church at Rome how it came to pass that we could be set free from any condemnation from sin because of what Christ did for us.

**Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10** The judgment of the saints, or Christians cannot be confused with any other judgment in the bible because of the perfect intervention of the Holy Spirit in using the Greek word bema for this judgment. The bema was the seat whereon the judge sat in order to award the victors at the Olympic games, never to punish a contestant, it pictures an award ceremony.

**Luke 19:12-24** This parable is one where the Lord gives examples of what He wants from us and what we can expect if we are faithful. Notice the rewards are proportionate! See also - (**Luke 16:11**).

**II Corinthians 5:11** The Apostle speaks to us and warns us to prepare for that day because we must recognize there can be terror in the judgment so he warns us to stay clean, pure and steadfast in faith.

**Philippians 3:7-9** Paul gives us his way of preparing to meet Jesus at the Judgment. All believers should take notice as to not put the things of this world ahead of our service for the Master.

**Ephesians 4:24-30** As belonging to Christ we no longer have a fear of condemnation but we should have a parental like fear that makes us quiver if we ever offend and grieve our wonderful Lord.

**I Corinthians 13:1-13** The best way to prepare for our Judgment is to take heed to what Paul said about living our Christian life with the spiritual love that Jesus told us to have in (**John 13:34-35**).

### THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

**Revelation 20:11-13** Here is the final judgment of the lost prior to being cast into the lake of fire with the devil, the antichrist (the beast), and the false prophet. Notice that there are two types of books that are opened for the judgment: (1) the book of life, and (2) books that contained their works.

**Revelation 20:12** We must take noticed that all lost people are judged "according to their works." Most people have the belief system that hell or the lake of fire will be the same for all, NOT TRUE!

**Matthew 7:13-14** It is a sad fact that the bible indicates that only a very few people will be saved and the majority of people will be lost and on the road to The Great White Throne Judgment of Christ.

**Matthew 7:21-23** Many people are shocked when soon after they take their last breath they wind up in hell. They are surprised that their sincerity, their good works, their church membership and baptism, their wonderful lofty prayers are of no avail because they thought they could earn heaven.

**John 12:48** At the White Throne Judgment when the books of works are opened against the lost, the bible will be opened and each work will be judged according to what God's word says about it!!

**Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 12:36** At the White Throne Judgment there will be no hidden sin, no thought or deed, no sin that has been forgotten that will not be revealed and judged against the lost.

We all have family, friends, co-workers and neighbors that will face this terrible day of judgment if they do not trust Jesus Christ before they die. We must at least give them a chance to believe and receive Him as Savior. A letter, a word of witness, or maybe just a tract in a holiday card is all that is needed. We are called to be His witnesses. We must let these people know we care and that Jesus cares.

