

Three Monumental Spiritual Divisions (part 2)

3. The Final Division – Judgment and the cross

You and I will be judged. God's final judgment is coming, and no one will bypass it. Justice will be served, the verdict will be announced, heaven or hell are the only two outcomes.

"But when the Son of Man, *Jesus*, comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;...' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46 (NASB, italics mine).

"I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" Revelation 20:11-15 (NLT2).

However, the coming judgment is not about whether you and I are guilty, God has already indicted us, **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"** Romans 3:23 (NASB). The only reason we have not been hauled in by the angel patrol is God mercifully giving us time to repent and call on Jesus, who is the only one who can save us from God's final judgment, **"The Lord is not slow about His promise (*of Jesus' return and final judgment*), as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance"** 2 Peter 3:9 (NASB, italics mine).

None of us has any guarantee of tomorrow, we have today to repent and be saved, **"And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him"** Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT2). You and I cannot survive God's judgment without having put our faith in Christ, believing He paid the penalty for our sins (He died for us), conquered sin, death, and the grave (He rose from the dead), and that only in Him can sinners like us receive forgiveness and eternal life, **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life... He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him"** John 3:16, 36 (NASB).

Jesus will return, the day of judgment will come, and you and I only have this life, and for sure only today, to prepare for it. You can blow it off as Bible talk, preacher hype, or too narrow, but it will not change the fact that judgment, the final heaven and hell division is coming. You can point to the failures of lousy Christians and hypocrites, but it won't excuse you. You can insist on your own beliefs and all religions being equal, but neither can save you. You will be either in the Jesus' sheep pen or part of the devil's goat herd. Your name will either be Jesus', "the Lamb's" (Revelation 21:27), book of life or not.

"This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" 1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT2). "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved, *from God's judgment, wrath, and hell*" Acts 4:12 (NLT2, italics mine).

Are you saved? Make sure you are, **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved"** Romans 10:9-10 (NLT2).

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Bob Clayton, Philip Law, Karen, Beverly (heart stent surgery),
Deanna (recovering from a stroke), Claire Wendel (pneumonia),
Jerry Criswell's son John passed away (praying God's mercy on
his soul and comfort for the family)
and those dealing with addiction.

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or
e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your
prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

November Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

Annual Church Business Meeting Dec. 1st

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Merle's"

Thank you

Next week "Hans' Class" is up!!

Welcome
Autumn
&
Daylight Saving

Giving

October 27, 2024

Offering:
\$1,52.00

Facilities:
\$25.00

Food:
\$315.00

Missions:
\$.00

Women's Ministry:
\$10.00

Attendance:
73

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:
10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday
Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM

GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Be Saved
Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2024 **November 4th - November 10th**

DAY 1 - Isa. 51-52
(Psalms 125)

DAY 2 - Isa. 53-54
(Psalms 126)

DAY 3 - Isa. 55-56
(Psalms 127)

DAY 4 - Isa. 57-58
(Psalms 128)

DAY 5 - Isa. 59-60
(Psalms 129)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 130)

DAY 7 - (Proverbs 131)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.