

Where: Scriptural Basis

Why: Doctrinal Significance

So What: Christian Implication

Where

He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*“because he [God] has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”
– Acts 17:31*

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: – 2 Timothy 4:1

*16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
– 1 Thessalonians 4:16*

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Why

Elementary Doctrine

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 ... and eternal judgment.

–Hebrews 6:1-2

Everyone

6 He will render to each one according to his works: ...11 For God shows no partiality.

– Romans 2:6-11

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

– 2 Corinthians 5:10

as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." ...

– Romans 3:10-18

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [...] 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

– John 3:16-18

Two Outcomes, Two Destinations

Salvation: ...whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... in order that the world might be saved through him...

Condemnation: whoever does not believe is condemned already

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

– Romans 8:1

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

– John 5:24

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

– Matthew 25:46

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So What

Salvation

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

– Philippians 2:12-13

5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

– 2 Corinthians 13:5

17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. [...] 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

– Matthew 7:17-20

Messengers

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, [...] 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

– Matthew 28:19-20

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

– Romans 10:15b

Justice

10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; [...] surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

– Psalm 58:10-11

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

– Romans 12:19