

GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT

ACTS 3:20, 21

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: This is the second of three preparations based on Acts 3:20, 21. Note: This preparation is not intended to clarify timing of the events of the last days.

FOR BELIEVERS there will be no condemnation. “It is important to realize that this judgment of believers will be a judgment to evaluate and bestow various degrees of reward in heaven...Even though there will be degrees of reward in heaven, the joy of each believer will be full and complete for eternity.” Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, pp. 1143, 1144. (**Hebrews 9:26-28, John 5:24-27, fn 5:24, Romans 8:1, fn 8:1, I Corinthians 3:11-15, fn 3:13-15, II Corinthians 5:9-14, fn 5:9, 10**) *Why is it important for you to live a life pleasing to God? What needs to be changed in your life?*

FOR UNBELIEVERS who did not trust Christ for their salvation but instead trusted in their own deeds or works, there will be judgment according to their own works; and they will go away into eternal punishment. (**Luke 16:19-31, fn 16:29-31, Matthew 25:31-46, fn 25:31-46, fn 25:32, fn 25:46, Revelation 20:11-15, fn 20:12-15, Isaiah 64:6, fn 64:6**) *Why should the final judgment drive you to evangelize?*

FOR HIS ENEMIES (THE FINAL STATE)—Satan, death, and hell along with all unbelievers will be thrown into the Lake of Fire. Our Lord will start again with a clean slate. (**Revelation 20:7-15, fn 20:10, fn 20:14, Revelation 21:1-8, fn 2:1, fn 21:3, 4, fn 21:6[1st], II Peter 3:10-14, fn 3:13, II Corinthians 5:18-20, fn 5:18, 19**) *Why are unbelievers considered enemies of God along with Satan?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

