

JUDGEMENTS

Lesson 4

Bettye, I believe there are five momentous days in our lives: (1) the day you were born (2) the day you were born again (3) the day you will meet Jesus (4) the final judgement day and (5) today, as you by faith and full of the Holy Spirit, prepare for the final judgement day.

OF YOUR FAITH—This occurred on earth on the day when you placed your faith in Jesus Christ and accepted Him as your Savior. You gave Jesus your sin that He died to pay for, and He gave you His righteousness and eternal life with Him. Now you live in expectancy and focused on the time that you will be immediately ushered into the Lord’s presence in Heaven. (**John 5:24, fn 5:24, John 3:16-18, fn 3:16[3rd], fn 3:18, Luke 23:39-43, fn 23:39-43, Romans 8:1, 31-34, fn 8:31-34, fn 8:34**) *What do you imagine it will be like when you die and first see Jesus?*

OF BELIEVER’S WORKS OF FAITH—All our new earthly life should be centered around looking to this day of judgement in Heaven for believers in Jesus. For believers there will be no condemnation, but all our earthly life with Christ will be judged. Then we will be rewarded for our works or they will be counted as loss. (**Romans 14:10-12, fn 14:10-12, I Corinthians 3:10-15, fn 3:13-15, II Corinthians 5:6-10, fn 5:9-10, Matthew 16:27, fn 16:27, Daniel 12:2-3, fn 12:3**) *How could the Holy Spirit help you to prepare this day for judgement day?*

OF UNBELIEVERS’ WORKS—An unbeliever relies on his own works and self-righteousness for his salvation rather than the forgiveness found in Jesus’ shed blood on the cross. Our Lord is sinless and hates sin, and He died on the cross to pay the penalty for it. Unbelievers’ “righteousness” is no substitute for Christ righteousness. Sin will be judged either on Jesus work on the cross or on the unbeliever’s work, which will demand a sentence in Hell, away from the presence of God. (**John 5:28-29, fn 5:29, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, fn 12:13-14[2nd], John 12:48, fn 12:48, Revelation 20:12-15, fn 20:12-15, fn 20:14**) *Why is God’s judgement necessary for you and for God?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?