

Judgment Day for Believers

Why we need to have a Judgment Day:

Believer's Judgment Day isn't about determining who is saved (Jn.3:18, 5:24) but about evaluating our life / works. Christ will judge, and we must be ready to give an account to Him, II Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10-12, Js. 5:9.

- ❖ Because justice demands it, Col. 3:25, Gal. 6:7, I Pt. 1:17
- ❖ Because future rewards and even greater responsibility require it, Matt. 25:21-23, Lk.12:42-44, 16:10-12, 19:17-19, Jn. 12:26.

What we can expect on Judgment Day:

- ❖ To be held accountable for our words, works, motives, Rom. 2:16, Matt.12:36, 37, Rev. 22:12. I Cor. 3:13, 4:5.
 - II Cor. 5:10...*whether good* → *receive back what is due*, Col. 3:25
 - ...*or bad* → *receive back is due*, Eph. 6:8
- ❖ Some lose out; others win big, Matt. 5:19, 19:30, Lk. 19:24-26
- ❖ One's opportunity affects judgment, Matt. 20:1-16, 25:15, Lk. 12:48.

What we should do in view of Judgment Day:

- ❖ Be merciful to others, Lk. 6:37,38, Matt. 7:1,2, Js. 2:13, I Cor. 4:5.
- ❖ Don't be a stumbling block, Matt. 18:6,7, Rom. 14:12,13.
- ❖ Work for what brings a reward, I Cor. 3:10-14, II Jn.8, Matt. 25:14ff.
- ❖ Make it our goal to hear: Matt. 25:21

