

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD – 3

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REVIEW

- God inhabits humble, contrite people who tremble at His Word.
- Only God's Word answers why we're here, where we came from and where we're going.
- Looking to other sources makes us vulnerable to deceptive lies and beliefs – evolution, big bang, annihilation, reincarnation...

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WHERE WE ARE GOING – HEBREWS 9:27

2 PETER 2:9, 3:7, MATTHEW 12:36, There's going to be a day of judgment that no one will escape. Every believer and unbeliever will be judged according to their works. **ECCLESIASTES 12:14, REVELATION 20:13, 1 PETER 1:17, MATTHEW 16:27, REVELATION 22:12**

NOT BY WORKS – EPHESIANS 2:8-10

If we are not saved by works, how can we explain we'll be judged by our works? Answer: Belief and behavior. Our belief determines where we spend eternity, our behavior determines how we spend it. Our belief gets us into heaven where we are rewarded for our behavior. **REVELATION 14:13** The Jews believe their works go before them not follow them. The truth is our works follow us and all we do and suffer for Christ will be rewarded in heaven. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (NLT)** Our belief can also lead us to eternal separation and suffering. **JOHN 3:36** Those who reject Christ will suffer God's wrath and will be punished for their behavior or works.

THE TWO JUDGMENTS

Our belief determines which judgment we attend – the Judgment Seat of Christ, or the Great White Throne Judgment.

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:10**
 - A. Every believer appears and is judged for his works. **ROMANS 14:12**
 - B. How we live matters.
1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15 This judgment determines our rewards, not our destination.
 - C. Motives, methods and manners will be judged. **MATTHEW 6:1-4**
 - D. **MATTHEW 6:19-20, DANIEL 12:2-3** Treasures can be stored up.
 - E. Crowns will be given: Incorruptible, **1 CORINTHIANS 9:25**; of life, **JAMES 1:12**; of rejoicing, **1 THESSALONIANS 2:19**; of righteousness, **2 TIMOTHY 4:8**; and of glory; **1 PETER 5:4**.
 - F. Every deed will be rewarded. **MARK 9:41**
2. Great White Throne Judgment. **REVELATION 20:11-15**
 - A. Book represents belief, books represent behavior or works.
 - B. **MATTHEW 11:21-24** – There are degrees of suffering.
 - C. **ROMANS 2:5-10** – We can store up wrath or glory, the choice is ours.

CONCLUSION

We all will die, and we all will be judged for our works. Which judgment we attend is our choice. God has made a way for us to have a glorious future by pouring out His wrath upon Jesus. We need not suffer any future wrath. **ROMANS 5:8-9, EPHESIANS 2:3, JOHN 3:36 (NIV)**, There's only one way to escape God's wrath. **1 THESSALONIANS 1:10 (ESV)**