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Great White Throne Judgment

and the

Lake of Fire

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The Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire.

The following verses show that the ultimate and final justice of God will be manifested at the end of the Lord Jesus Christ millennial reign on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords:

• Revelation 20:11-15: Then I (John) saw a *Great White Throne* and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and *books were opened*. And another book was opened, which is the *Book of Life*. And the dead were judged *according to their works* by the things which were *written in the books*. ¹³The *sea* gave up the *dead* who were in it, and *death* and *hades* delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one *according to his works*. ¹⁴Then *death* and *hades* were cast into the *Lake of Fire*. This is the *Second Death*. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the *Book of Life* was cast into the *Lake of Fire*.

Prior to these verses those redeemed in Christ are raised in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:5-6) to reign with Christ during his millennial reign on earth. The second death (i.e., the lake of fire) has no power over those who share in this first resurrection, and the rest of the dead do not come to life until Christ's millennial reign on earth is ended (Rev. 20:4-6). At the end of Christ's millennial reign God descends to earth on a Great White Throne, and the sea, death, and hades give up the dead to stand before the throne of God.

Whoever's name is not found written in the Book of Life are immediately cast into the Lake of Fire, but, when a name is found in the Book of Life, other heavenly books are opened, and they are judged according to what is written in these books according to what they have done. Those counted unworthy are thrown into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total extinction), this event is called the second death (Rev. 20:11-15). Though it does not say that some are counted unworthy at the Great White Throne judgment, the fact it says, some are counted unworthy, implies some are counted worthy (Rev. 20:12-13). It is at this Great White Throne judgment we see God's Justice manifested to all mankind.

Traditional Christian thinking: clearly much of this is contrary to traditional Christian teaching, however, most in the Christian faith only focus on the first resurrection which clearly proclaims only those in Christ will be resurrected, it is also equally true, whoever attains to the first resurrection will be greatly blessed throughout all eternity, because the redeemed in Christ, are the Bride of Christ, and he can only have one bride. But what is said of the first resurrection cannot be applied to those who are raised at the Great White Throne judgment, especially since many who will be standing before God, will not have had the privilege of hearing the Good News of the Gospel, will have a belief in God, because of the language of creation. Scripture tells us everywhere God's creation is worshipping God, and nature itself praises its maker, and declares to all mankind His existence, His power, and His glory, as the following verses show:

• **Psalm 19:1-4:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

These verses show that nature declares the glory of God, there is no doubt God recognizes there are many people with very charitable hearts who have a belief in Him through the language of creation, and who live a wholesome

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life, treating other humans with respect and doing-good, who in their hearts are neither against God nor enemies of God (consider all those who have never heard the glorious Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ), who do good, and sacrifice themselves for others. It appears that their names have not been blotted out of the Book of Life, and their life and lifestyle is recorded in these other heavenly books that are opened, and they do receive some place in eternity. Perhaps this is those Jesus was referring to when he said:

• Matthew 10:42: Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

NOTE: since much of this is controversial to traditional Christian thinking it should be mentioned, it is not important to understand eternity to be saved to eternal life. Jesus will not cast out those who have been faithful to him simply because they did not fully understand eternity. It is interesting to note, after Christ's resurrection most New Testament writers simply state that those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will be resurrected to eternal life (or eternal glory), this is because it is not understanding eternity that is important to salvation, but believing that we will be resurrected to it, and having faith in Christ and in God's grace.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information see the following two titles:

- Hell, or the Grave (Final destination of Humans).
- The Lake of Fire.
- All titles are in, Death (ON WEBSITE MENU).

FOOTNOTE

What I have presented here in this document should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter, since I am fully aware, though we may have a wide understanding of eternity, our mortal minds are limited to comprehending the finer details, and when it comes to revelation and eternity, there is no harm in leaving space for a certain amount of mystery.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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