

## Christian Beliefs Week 19: Teaching

### Ch 19: What is the Final Judgment?

**Intro:** Any steps of faith to share?

Today, we are going to answer these questions: When is the final judgment? Will there be more than one judgment? What happens at the final judgment? What is the purpose of the final judgment? What is the moral application of the final judgment? What about hell?

Pray.

The final judgment is clear in Revelation 20:11-15 which states:

*“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence, earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then, another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”*

When is the final judgment?

Will there be more than one judgment?

- Matthew 25:31-46, which says, *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people (not nations) one from another as a shepherd separates sheep from the goats (individual animals). And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...’ Then He will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”*

What happens at the Final Judgment?

What is the purpose of the final judgment?

What is the moral application of the final judgment?

What about hell?

Discussion:

- How can we better prepare for the final judgment, even though we know our sins will not be accounted for?
- How can knowing God is the ultimate judge and will make sure justice happens help us to forgive others now?
- Does the reality of the final judgment and hell motivate you to tell people how you have been saved through faith in Christ? What steps can you take this week to share the good news of Jesus with someone who needs to hear it?