



THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15

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Big Idea: The Old Testament prophets, Jesus, and the Apostles all taught about a final day of judgment for the unbelieving. It would be best not to ignore their warning.

Revelation 20:11-15 ESV

11 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. 12 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. 13 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. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Great White Throne (Isaiah 6:3; Daniel 7:9-10; Rev. 11:18)

The Dead (Rev. 20:12 – Those not part of the first resurrection)

The Books of Works (Eccl. 12:13-14; Matt. 25:31-46; John 12:47-48)

The Lake of Fire (Rev. 14:9-11; Matt. 10:28)

Hard Truth #1: All humans inherently know of God, so they are without excuse. (Romans 1:18-21)

Hard Truth #2: All humans are guilty of sin and rebellion against God. (Romans 3:10-12)

Hard Truth #3: The default destination of man is a place of separation from God called hell. (2 Peter 2:4; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Luke 12:4-5)

Comforting Truth #1: God is 100% good and just. (Ps.136:1; Daniel 9:14)

Comforting Truth #2: God loves all people and wants them to turn to him. (2 Peter 3:9)

Comforting Truth #3: Christ is revealing himself to people around the globe. (Isaiah 65:1; Galatians 1:11-12)

The Book of Life (Daniel 12:1; John 5:24)



LifeGroup Study Guide

The Great White Throne Revelation 20:11-15

The Judge Who is the judge sitting on the Great White Throne? In Revelation 4-5 who is on the

Throne? According to John 5:19-30, who does the judging?

The Standard What resources does the Judge use in his judgment (20:12)? What does this tell you about what God is doing now to prepare?

The Judged Who appears before the judge to be judged (20:12-13)? Identify each group.

What does it tell you about God's character that nobody can escape his judgment? What does this say about the eternal soul of man?

The Judgment

What is the sentence given for the guilty verdict to each person who appears before the judge (20:14-15)? See also John 3:16; 3:36; 5:24.

What will these people experience forever? (see Luke 16:19-31; Matt.:36-43) What is the second death?

There will be variable degrees of punishment Matt 10:15, 11:24

What is your emotional response to this severe judgment?

Before Rev 20:11-15, who will have been cast into the Lake of Fire? (19:19-21; 20:10)

The Rescue

What can men do after they die to escape judgment? Heb 9:27

How can men be rescued from this judgment? John 3:16, John 5:24; Acts 16:31

Respond to: If a man is born once, he will die twice, if he is born twice, he will only die once.

What can we do to help men be saved? Romans 10:13-15

List the names of three people with whom you will share the gospel.