

before him are absolutely not here for His decision on whether they go the New Heaven and New Earth or whether they are cast into The Lake of Fire. That decision was made on the day they died according to whether or not they accepted Jesus as their Saviour or not.

After the actions of the unsaved have been read and accounted for, judgment will be passed and the sentence will be The Lake of Fire; an indescribable, unimaginable, eternal punishment of torment prepared for Satan, his fallen angels and all who refuse the offer of eternal life through Jesus Christ ([Matthew 25:41-46](#))

### **One last enemy of God is dealt with**

Once the unsaved in Christ have been justly sentenced and their judgment has been carried out, there is one last issue for the Lord to deal with while sitting at The Great White Throne. In [1 Corinthians 15:26](#), the Apostle Paul writes that "the last enemy that will be destroyed is death". In this passage Paul is equating death to Satan. Satan will be destroyed forever as God casts him into The Lake of Fire, joining the Antichrist (the beast) and False Prophet who preceded Satan by the 1,000 years of the Millennial Reign ([Revelation 20:10](#)).

### [1 Corinthians 15:54-55](#)

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

"Death has been swallowed up. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Some Christians and even non-Christians may ask why our loving and merciful God would create such a horrible place of unimaginable place of torment for the unsaved to spend eternity. Let's look at what the Bible says about this question in [Deuteronomy 30:19-20](#):

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

If you read this passage carefully, you will notice that there is no neutral area. There is right and wrong, there is life and death and there are blessings and curses. While God loves created us in His own image and loves us all the same, He also gave us free will. With that free will, we each have to decide whether to choose God and eternal life with Him, or whether we turn our back to Him and choose eternity in The Lake of Fire. As parents, we love our children unconditionally, yet as they grow into adulthood, we cannot choose their path in life (even as much as we might sometimes like to).

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## **The Great White Throne**

### **Judgment of God**

We are told that some sort of judgment will follow once our time on Earth has ended. [Hebrews 9:27](#) states that "it is appointed for men to die once, but after this judgment". But our status with Christ determines how we will be judged. Every single person is promised a fair judgment before Christ one day.

Before we delve into this important prophetic event of the Great White Throne Judgment, let's first look back at what other judgment has happened since The Rapture of Christ's church so that the two cannot be confused or misunderstood. Immediately after The Rapture, Christ's people will stand before the judgment seat (or bema seat) of Christ as written in [2 Corinthians 5:10](#). There, the resurrected saints will receive rewards for the good works they performed while on Earth.

However, the Great White Throne Judgment will be far different than the loving Bema Seat Judgment. The Great White Throne Judgment

is for the unsaved unbelievers and the judgments will be severe; severe, but fair. This event has to be the most disturbing and most bothersome event in all of Scripture.

### **Why will this happen?**

To some, this may be hard to read, but if we take The Great White Throne Judgment in Biblical context, before God ushers in The New Heaven and New Earth, He must rid creation of the vile, despicable being who has contaminated it; Satan. And for the perfect, unending New Heaven and New Earth to be spoken into being, all sins, evil, vices and yes, even unsaved sinners must be wiped from existence so that it will always stay pure and unadulterated.

### **When will this happen?**

The Great White Throne Judgment will occur after the end of the 1,000 year Millennial Reign of Christ upon the Earth. At the end of the Tribulation, Satan will be thrown into the bottomless pit ([Revelation 20:1-3](#)). He is kept prisoner there for the 1,000 years of the Millennial Reign.

Even though Satan is pent up during the 1,000 years, sin will still be part of some people's lives. In fact it's not a stretch to envision that some individuals will plot against God and anxiously await Satan's return at the end of the 1,000 years. Once Satan is released by God, he will actively recruit and deceive many into joining him into mounting one last futile attempt to wage war on God. Just as all other attempts failed, this one will fail miserably as well. God will call fire down from Heaven and

it will devour the followers of Satan, while Satan is cast into the lake of fire forever.

It's at this point that all unsaved dead of all time will appear before the Great White Throne Judgment. [Revelation 20:11-15](#) gives a glimpse of what the unbelievers will experience during this time.

### **Who will sit on the throne and judge?**

In [Revelation 20:11-15](#), John does not directly identify by name the occupant of the throne. In Revelation, "The one who sits on the throne", frequently refers to God. However, in [John 5:22](#) the Bible states that, "Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son"; meaning that God judges no one, but allows Christ Jesus to do it.

### **Who will be judged?**

In [Revelation 20:12](#) we are told that "The dead, small and great" refers to those who have lived throughout history and regardless of their stature or position, died without acknowledging and accepting Christ's death on Calvary payment for their sins. [Revelation 20:13](#) states that whether in the Earth or sea, in a grave or mausoleum, the ashes or earthly remains of these deceased will be raised and united with their souls and spirits so that they can stand in a resurrected form before Jesus as he sits at the Great White Throne.

Unbeliever's souls will be called up from Hades by God and will be reunited with the remains of their earthly bodies as they are judged at The Great White Throne Judgment. [Daniel 12:2](#), [John 5:28-29](#) and [Acts 24:15](#) all describe

a resurrection of the just and unjust. John and Daniel further explain that at this resurrection the saved will be raised to eternal life while the unsaved will be raised to shame and condemnation.

### **How will they be judged?**

During the Great White Throne Judgment, various books will be opened [Revelation 20:12](#) revealing detailed accounts of every action and thought, including those performed in secret, of every unsaved individual. For those individuals who do not come to Christ before they die, they will be judged according to the law of The Old Testament. Furthermore, all of their "transgressions and disobediences will receive a just reward" ([Hebrews 2:2](#)). This is entirely consistent with the justice of God and seems to indicate different levels of torment in Hell.

#### [Luke 12:47-48](#)

That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

As the Lord sits on His throne, ready to pronounce his judgment upon every unsaved individual, he examines the books and reads the thoughts and deeds of each individual before Him. As we've come to know, these people