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ACTS 17:11

2 Timothy 4:1-8
Lesson #32
The final judgment
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Paul looks forward to facing the Judge, knowing he has kept the faith.

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2 Timothy 4:6

“For I am already being poured out as a **drink offering,**

A meat offering was often accompanied by a DRINK OFFERING in ancient cultures.

This had symbolic significance in its N.T. link to the Gospel’s sacrificial suffering of Jesus and the suffering of his followers.

Philippians 2:17

“But even if I am being **poured out as a drink offering** upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

Luke 22:20

“And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, **“This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”**”

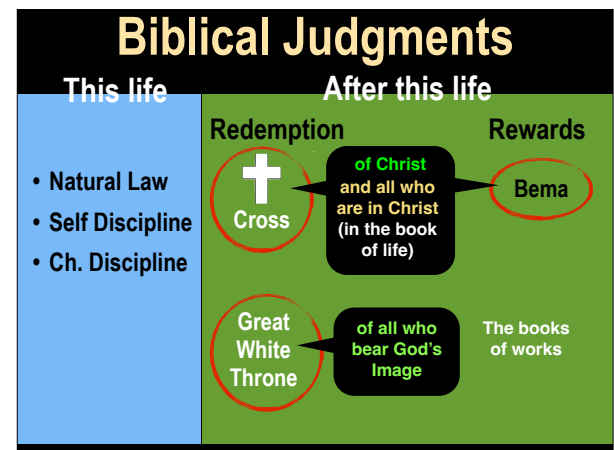
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The final judgment - open the books

Revelation 20

“11 And I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened;** and **another book** was opened, which is the **book of life;** and the dead were judged from the things which were written in **the books,** according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 And 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.”

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There are eternal consequences to how believers respond to God's saving grace.

2 Corinthians 5:10
 "For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds."

1 Corinthians 3
 "11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw. 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day (**judgment**) will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."

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1 Cor.3:10-15
The judgment of believer's works

**Christ
The Foundation**

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**Bema Judgment
of every believer**

<p>Build on faith with gold, silver, and jewels</p> <p>Walk in the power of the Spirit as faithful disciples</p> <p>Receive a reward</p>	<p>Build on faith with wood, hay, and stubble</p> <p>Walk in the flesh as carnal children</p> <p>Suffer loss</p>
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How does our present conduct affect our afterlife -

- **not in terms of eternal security** if I am "in Christ" by faith.
- **but in terms of reward and loss of worship gifts (?)**.

Which glass is fullest?
 Which glass holds the most water?

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John 3

"17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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God **Man**

Under the Law, the issue is our sin.

God deals with sin at the Cross.

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God Jesus Man

Once we understand the Cross
we see that what stands
between us & God is not our
sin so much as faith in Jesus.

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*Why did Gilbert DeLeon die in May of 2015?
The obituary said it was a Cottonmouth snake bite.
The rest of the story - he refused anti-venom
saying, "He could not afford it".*

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*We are separated from God
not only by our sins
but more so by our refusing to accept God's
salvation in the Cross of Christ.*

15



In 1977 Jimmy Carter made
a controversial decision to
pardon those who fled to
Canada to avoid the draft.

Many came back with no fear of prosecution.

Some could have come back but did not.

*Their residence was THEIR choice
not that of the U.S. government.*

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*This Japanese soldier continued fighting WWII
29 years after the Japanese surrendered.*

*He refused to believe the news
that he was no longer threatened.*

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1 John 1

*"⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and
announce to you, that God is light, and in Him
there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have
fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we
walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we
have fellowship with one another, and the blood of
Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say
that we have no sin, **we are deceiving ourselves
and the truth is not in us.** ⁹ If we confess our
sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

*"Practice the truth" does not mean that we have no sin
but rather that we see more than our sin
as we face the light (Jesus).*

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Both **Peter** & **Judas** betrayed Jesus and suffered remorse as they saw **what their sin did to Jesus.**

Peter would abide long enough to see **what Jesus did to his sin.**

Judas took his own life and never saw **what Jesus did to his sin.**

If we don't let our sins draw us to Jesus, we are left alone in them.

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Romans 8

"1 There is therefore now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.** 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,"

John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word, and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life, and **does not come into judgment**, but has passed out of death into life."

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Paul passes his mission on to Timothy.

- **Display the Word of the Cross**
- **Declare the Word of the Cross**
- **Defend the Word of the Cross**

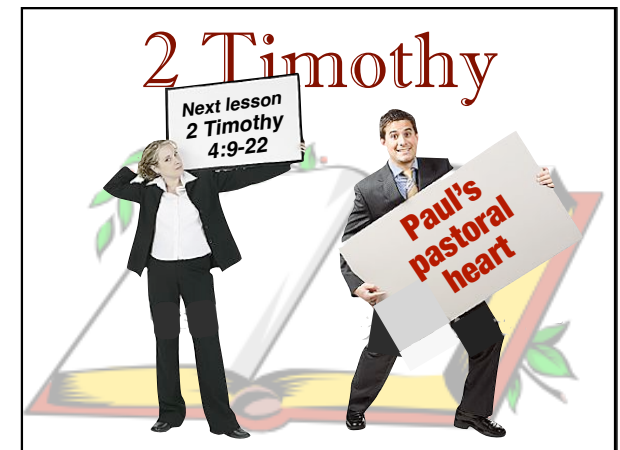
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The best ways to defend the faith

- **Be authentic** - show that you are free from fear and shame.
- **Listen and learn** - show others how to grow in the faith.
- **Love** (agape self sacrifice) - others.
- **Show and Tell the message** - Major on majors and minor on minors.

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