

Christ and the Judgment

Introduction:

- A. A teenage boy was swimming with friends and started to drown. A middle aged man dived into the river and saved him. The same boy was later arrested for malicious mischief. When He appeared before the judge, it was the man who had saved him. He happily addressed the man as his savior. The man sadly replied that his role was now different. He was now his judge.
- B. Christ came once to save. - John 5:24-26
- C. He shall return to judge. - John 5:27-30
- D. What shall that judgment be like?

I. Those to be Judged

- A. All shall be there. - Romans 14:10-12
- B. Both the good and the evil shall be judged. - John 5:28-29

II. A Judge: Christ is that Judge. - John 5:22

- A. He is competent. - Hebrews 1:1-2; John 5:27; 2:24-25
- B. He is righteous. - John 5:30

III. A Standard: The Word of Christ is that Standard. - John 12:48

IV. A Day of Judgment - Acts 17:31

- A. That day is certain. - Hebrews 9:27
- B. That day is unknown. - Mark 13:32-33
- C. It will be when Christ returns - Jude 14-15
- D. What a great day that will be! - Jude 6; Matthew 25:31-32

V. A Verdict & a Sentence

- A. That verdict is final. - 2 Corinthians 5:10
- B. That sentence is eternal. - Matthew 25:46 (How long would it take a fly to carry all the earth to the sun?)

Conclusion:

- A. Life is **SO** brief; death is **SO** sure; that day is **SO** great; that verdict is **SO** final; eternity is **SO** long.
- B. Are you ready?