

# "The Greatest Tragedy of all Time."

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Revelation 20, we'll begin reading in verse 11. The Bible says,

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

You can be seated.

Let us pray.

*Dear Lord, we thank you for this day, dear Lord. We thank you, dear Lord, for another opportunity, dear Lord, to be in your house today. Dear Lord, we thank you, dear Lord, for this place, dear Lord, that you have prepared for us, your servants, dear Lord, to worship you. Dear Lord, we pray today, dear Lord, that you would come to us. Dear Lord, we stand in a spot, dear Lord, we stand often, dear Lord, that no man can stand alone and, dear Lord, I pray that, dear Lord, today, that you would touch me, dear Lord, that you would plant a message, dear Lord, on my heart, dear Lord, that is way too big for me to bear. Dear Lord, it's been a heavy burden, dear Lord, all week. Dear Lord, I pray today, dear Lord, that you would allow me, dear Lord, to get this burden off of me and, dear Lord, deliver it into the hearts of the hearers here this morning. And, dear Lord, through it all, dear Lord, I pray, dear Lord, that we could point people to Calvary's cross. Dear Lord, let them know that there is still hope in these days that we're living in. Dear Lord, we thank you, dear Lord, for the cross of Calvary, the precious blood that was shed on our behalf and we pray, dear Lord, that you would fill this place today. In Jesus Christ we do pray. Amen.*

Today I want to look, the Lord being my help, at these couple of verses that we find in the last few chapters of this blessed book that the Lord Jesus Christ has allowed us to have. And the Bible says here in verse 11, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Let's go back up and look at verse 10. The Bible says, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Friend, today I'm glad to know, I hate the devil, I hate his guts and I'm glad to know that he's going to the lake of fire. Friend, we are on the winning side. Friend, he is a liar and he is the father of all lies and he has deceived many in these wicked days that we're living in.

Dear friend, the Bible says here that he is cast into hell. Friend, this morning you may think that the devil is your friend but, friend, you'll go to hell holding the devil's hand thinking that he was your friend and you'll spend all eternity in a devil's hell in the lake of fire lost without our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But this morning we see that 2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Friend, every single one of us in here this morning, if you are lost or if you're saved by the grace of God, you will stand one day in front of Jesus Christ Almighty and you will receive rewards for those things which you have done here on this earth.

Friend, I want to look at two judgments, one specifically this morning. There is a total of five judgments in this book but today and this morning I want to look at just two judgments, one very briefly. There is a judgment of the believer's sin. Friend, today my sin and your sin as a believer in Christ has already been judged on the cross of Calvary. Friend, Jesus Christ has taken that punishment that I deserved and that you deserved when they nailed him there on an old rugged cross, when they put the crown of thorns on his head, put the title on his cross, "King of the Jews." Friend, he took our punishment. Friend, our judgment has done been settled at the cross of Calvary but there is a second time that we'll be judged as Christians and that will be by the works that we have done here on this earth and the Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 4:8, Paul says, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Friend, if you are a born again believer in Christ, friend, your sin has already been judged on the cross of Calvary but, friend, one day you will stand in front of God and you'll be accountable for everything that you've ever done after you got washed in the blood of the Lamb and Paul says, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me." Friend, today when I get to heaven, I want to have as many crowns that is able for my Lord and Savior to give me. Friend, like Brother Tony, I'll probably look back and look and see what all that I could have had and, friend, I'll probably be thinking, "Lord, I should have served you more. Lord, I should have done more here on this earth."

We'll all stand before him one day but, friend, today, believer, your sin has done been judged at the cross of Calvary but Christ has paid the sin debt for the born again believers in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Friend, because of the blood of Jesus Christ, the sins of the born again believer is forgiven and they're forgotten.

Friend, Jesus says, "Their sins I remember no more." But, friend, when we stand in front of him as believers in Christ, we'll have to answer for the things that we've done with the blood that's been applied to our account. Friend, we see here that 1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Friend, we'll all stand before him one day and, friend, I would hate to know, friend, this morning, look at yourself this morning, are you suitable enough to stand in front of God right this very instant and if the judgment seat was to take place this morning, friend, are you ready to stand in front of God Almighty? And friend, when we stand in front of him on that day, we will not be standing in front of Jesus Christ, the Savior of this world, we'll be standing in front of Jesus Christ, the righteous Judge. Friend, he will not come as a lamb. He's not a lamb in that day but, friend, we're getting ahead of ourselves.

The Bible tells us that we will all be judged. The first judgment that we looked at just briefly, the judgment of the believer's sin and it was said at the cross of Calvary but, friends, secondly this morning I want to look and dwell on this thought this morning. The second judgment that I want to look at is the last and the final judgment that is ever found in this Bible, that is the last event, the main event, one of the main events that Jesus Christ would judge those that are wicked and, friend, that is the judgment of the wicked.

That's where we come to our place this morning: the judgment seat. Here we see the great white throne judgment. It's hardly ever preached, it's hardly every studied, it's the doctrine that is not used most of the time in all Baptist churches, friend, it's the doctrine of the white throne judgment. Friend, today this judgment here is not for the believers. God would not be judging the believers but he will judge every man and every woman, every boy and girl that has never accepted him as their personal Savior. Friend, they'll stand in front of him on that day, the one that they rejected, the one that they blasphemed, the one that they would not ask him to forgive them.

Friend, it is the great white throne judgment and here just for a little while, I want to preach on just the simple thought the Lord being my help, the greatest tragedy of all time. The greatest tragedy of all time, friend, is not when the Twin Towers fell in this great nation that we live in. Friend, the greatest tragedy of all time was not Hurricane Katrina. But, friend, the greatest tragedy of all time are these few verses that we read in our Bible in Revelation 20 and that is when God sends every unbeliever that has never accepted him, sends them to the lake of fire forever and forever.

Friend, at this point in our Bible, at this point in chapter 20, friend, we can see here at this event, the great white throne judgment, friend, this event, there will be no hope for the

lost sinner. There will be no hope for these sinners to ever be saved again. There will be no hope that these sinners will ever hear another Gospel message preached. They'll never be handed another Gospel tract. They'll never be handed another King James Bible. They'll never be able to come to Sunday School. They'll never be able to come back to a church. They'll never be able to pray again. Friend, they'll be standing in front of Jesus Christ Almighty waiting to hear their judgment and their punishment that is to face them. Friend, this is an event that is a tragic event and it is the greatest tragic event that will ever happen in all of history when God, the righteous Judge, sends those sinners that have never been born again to a devil's hell to burn in a lake of fire for all of eternity.

Friend, there is no hope for you when you are at this point in your life, when you are standing in front of God Almighty. At this point, there will be no Holy Spirit drawing you. There will be no more Holy Ghost conviction. There will be no other man of God preaching of the sin in your life, pointing you to Calvary's cross. Friend, it will only be you and the Lord Jesus Christ and condemnation is to your account when we get to this event.

Friend, we see at this point in our text in verse 11, we see that the devil that deceived them will already be cast into the lake of fire and he will be tormented day and night forever and forever for all of eternity. Friend, can I tell you this morning, if you're lost and never been born again, the devil is not your friend. He has nothing in his heart to desire more than to destroy your life and to send you to hell in the lake of fire where he is going. Friend, if I was going to hell this morning, I would not want to go alone but I'm thankful by the grace of Jesus Christ and his mercy that I am heaven bound with a hammer down, friend. The devil is going to hell and he doesn't want to go alone and he's deceiving those that listen to his lies. He is the father of all lies.

Friend, he'll tell you that it's alright not to come to church. He'll tell you that it's alright to fornicate. He'll tell you that it's alright to commit adultery. He'll tell you that it's alright to be a Sodomite and sleep around with the same sex. But, friend, it's the condemnation of the Lord Jesus Christ and those sinners that will never get born again will be at this judgment and they'll burn for all of eternity.

Friend, it will be the biggest fire that has ever been known to mankind, the lake of fire, and it's outer darkness. Have you ever seen a fire, this morning, the flames burning up and there are flames in this fire. Friend, it's not a make-believe fire, but it's a flame of fire but it's in outer darkness. Friend, these flames will not be an orange flame that we see in the woods that we make a fire, but can you imagine the torment that these people will be going through, the torment and the agony and the pain that is to these people's account because they never accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in their lives.

Friend, the greatest thing you can do today if you've never been born again is to accept Christ as your personal Savior, is to accept him what he did on Calvary's cross, and to repent of your sins and be born again. Peter says, "Repent and be ye baptized." Friend, without the repentance or without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. Friend, you must repent of your sin.

That's where a lot of these new age churches leave it out. Friend, they think you can come as you are and leave as you are. Friend, you come as you are and you leave a new man in Christ Jesus. Friend, a born again believer in Christ will be in church on Sunday morning. They'll be in Sunday School on Sunday morning. He'll be involved in the church in every area of his life. He'll leave the wickedness of this world. Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." A true born again believer in Christ will not go to one of these contemporary churches where they play hell's bells, where they play "Highway to Hell." That's one of the greatest songs that AC/DC ever wrote and it's the only word of truth, friend. I was on the highway to hell but I don't need it played in the Baptist churches to know that I was on my way to hell. Jesus Christ chose me where I am and he draws me to his side. Friend, a true born again believer in Christ will be in a Bible-believing, King James Bible preaching, fundamental, independent, Baptist church that will not put up with the sin in this world, that will not put up with that's it alright to go out and lay with another man's wife, lay with another man's woman but, friend, will be separate and a peculiar people, zealous of good works. They won't listen to the filth. You won't go after the world and listen to the same music that's in the church house this morning. They will be true born again believers in Christ, separate from this world.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Do you think Jesus ever listened to that song, "Jesus Freak"? Have you ever heard it, friend? It is a song that is straight out of the pits of hell, that if you turn into 93.3 on your radio station and listen to it, friend, you will not hear anything any different. Friend, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Today I wonder what kind of church Jesus Christ would go to. What kind of church if he was to walk among our midst today, what kind of church would Jesus Christ, the one that the apostles followed, the one that Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," what church would he sit in today and listen to preaching? He would be in a King James Bible-believing, fundamental, Baptist church that is separate from this world. He would not go into a church that looks like the honky-tonk but he'll be zealous of good work and separate.

Friend, he had a large crowd following him everywhere he went but there were only a few that would follow him for all of eternity. A lot of people followed him but when he says, "Pick up thy cross and follow me," there were only a few that did that. When Jesus said, "Sell all thou hast and give to the poor," men walked away bitterly for they had much riches. Friend, there will be a lot of people going to church in these last and evil days but there will be only a few that will ever make it to the New Jerusalem, that will ever make it to see Jesus Christ for who he really is and to worship him.

Friends, we see here at this point in the Bible, at this point an event that is to come. This event has not taken place. Jesus died on the cross, that took place. He was buried, resurrection the third day, that took place. On the day of Pentecost, the apostles preached through the power of the Holy Ghost, that took place. But, friend, this event in the Bible has not yet to take place yet. But, friend, one day it's going to take place. One day this

will be realistic. One day this will be real before the lost man's eye and, friend, it is time to quit playing the games and get right with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We see, friend, never, never another chance for them to turn from sin and to accept Christ. At this point in their life, at this point in their life. But, friend, can I tell you this morning: there is still hope for a lost sinner. There is still hope for the man that is going to hell, that is going to hell as fast as he can run. Friend, there is still hope for that lost sinner.

The Bible says in John 3:17, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." He didn't come to send you to hell, friend, he came to save you but it's up to you after he draws you, if you will accept that calling that he has put on your life. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Friend, do not succumb to sin condemnation but to sin alive that you can live for Jesus Christ.

Friend, there is hope today. Why? Because 1 Corinthians 15:3 says, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." John 6:37 says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Friend, today there is hope because Jesus Christ who is sitting on the right hand of the Father maketh intercession for me and for you. And from the blood that he shed on Calvary's cross, that has been applied to my account, was not in vain, friend, and that was applied to your account and it is not in vain. Friend, the blood that he shed on that day is enough blood to save every man that has ever been born here on this earth, but there will be some that will die and go to a devil's hell rejecting the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We see here there is still time, friend, today to come to Jesus Christ. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." I believe a man should be drawn to come to salvation. I believe, friend, you just don't think one day that, "I need to come to Jesus, but the Father which sent me draw him and I shall rise him up in the last day." But I do believe in, "For whosoever will," Gospel, friend. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." You won't call on him if you've never been drawn. You won't call on him if you've never been touched in your heart, friend. God convicts the heart of the sinner and the heart of the wicked to get them to come to repentance.

But, friend, I want to look just for a few moments this morning, the greatest tragedy of all time. First of all, friend, I want to look, first of all, in verse 11. The Bible says, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Look here in our text and it says, "and him that sat on it." Friend, there is no other man that is going to sit on this throne at the great white throne judgment other than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And then at that point, he will not be at this point Jesus Christ the Savior of the world but he'll be

Jesus Christ the righteous Judge and he will judge men according to their works that they've done here on this earth.

I've heard people ask me sometime, I was at a church before I began pastoring, preaching, a man and we were able to go to Sunday School and he asked me, or asked the class directly to me basically, he said, "Do you believe that there are degrees in hell?" Friend, if there are, if there ain't, friend, I'm glad I ain't going to a devil's hell. But look here that we can find in the word of God and let's not argue with this blessed book, but the Bible says in verse 13, the last part, "and they were judged every man according to their works." I believe that there are degrees in hell but, friend, first of all, you're going to hell anyway if you don't believe in Jesus Christ, what does it matter if there are degrees or not? Hell is still hot and you'll still burn for all of eternity.

But, friend, I believe that there are degrees of because of what this blessed book says, "they are judged according to their works." Just like me and just like you as born again believers, I'll be judged according to my works. How faithful was I in the ministry. How well did I obey him. How obedient was I to him. How much have I done with what he's allowed me to do on this earth. And, friend, we'll have more crowns to lay at the feet of Jesus Christ. You may have more crowns to lay at Jesus' feet than the person beside you. Friend, don't tell me that there are no degrees in hell. Friend, there are because the Bible says it plainly. "For it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah and this generation than the one to come." Friend, there is, I believe, a difference of degrees. But, friend, the matter of the fact is hell is hot and you'll burn for all of eternity. If you're in the shallowest part or the deepest part, friend, it's still hot and it's still a place I don't want to go.

But, friend, let's look here in verse 11. Him that sat on the throne is the righteous Judge. Let's point out that, first of all, the righteous Judge. The Bible says in John 5:22, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." And that is Jesus Christ. The man that will sit on this throne at the great white throne judgment is the same man that will sit at the judgment seat of Christ and that is Jesus Christ, the righteous Judge.

And, friend, we see here that this Judge here on this throne is going to be the Lord Jesus Christ. Friend, it's going to be the one that they laid in a manger there in Bethlehem. This is the man that is going to be sitting on this throne, the one who humbled himself and lay as the lowly cattle lay in a stable because there was no room for him in the inn. This is the man that's going to be on the great white throne judgment, sitting up there and judging the wicked and send destruction for their lives forever.

This man that's sitting on this great white throne, the man Jesus Christ is sitting on the throne, is the same one for 30 years of his life was in secret. No man ever heard of Jesus but one day he stepped out of the Jordan River, baptized of John. The Lord and Father looked down on him and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." For 3 ½ years of his ministry, begged everybody to, "Come unto me. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

This Jesus Christ carried my sin and your sin upon Calvary's cross and died, buried, resurrected and then on the Mount of Transfiguration, one that was seen about 500 brethren at once, is the one that will be sitting on this great white throne judgment, the one that said, "I am the bread of life. Him that cometh to me shall never hunger." This man that sits on the throne is the man we see in John 4 when he says, "Come ask of me of drink and I will give you living water," friend, it is no other than Jesus Christ, the righteous Judge who will be sitting on this throne and is going to judge the wicked for the sin that they've committed here on this earth that have never been born again.

We can see here, friend, as in this Bible up to this point of Revelation, friend, he is still considered the Lamb of God slain before the foundations of this world. But, friend, when he's sitting on this throne here in Revelation 20:11, friend, he is not sitting on this throne as a lamb but he's sitting on this throne as a lion and he's going to rip apart every man, every woman, every boy, every teenager, every man, woman, boy and girl, that has rejected him and not come to repentance in salvation. He'll send them to the lake of fire for all of eternity.

It not God a God of judgment? Yes, God is love, God is faithful, God is merciful, but, friend, at this point, he is a God of judgment. He is a holy God and, friend, the Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Friend, there will be no sin in the New Jerusalem. There will be no sin in heaven. One sin will send you to this judgment. One sin will send you to this judgment right here but if you're washed in the blood of the Lamb, that sin has been taken care of on Calvary's cross. Your sin debt has been paid and, friend, you couldn't pay it if you tried but Jesus Christ before the foundation of this world stepped down in eternity and said, "I'll pay their sin debt." There will be no other animal sacrifice. You won't have to go out and have a burnt offering. "Father, I will go and do the ultimate sacrifice as a lamb, walked in to the shearers, opened not his mouth." Friend, he is the Lamb of God but at this point he is the lion that is sitting on the throne judging the wicked, judging the one that has rejected him as Lord and Savior in their lives.

Friend, not only do we see the righteous Judge but, secondly, friend, in verses 12 through 13 we see them that rejected the truth. But if you are a born again believer in Christ today, you don't have to worry about standing before Jesus Christ at this judgment. But, friend, if you are lost and never been born again, friend, if you are thinking you're saved and you don't know if you really are, friend, and you're not, you will be at this judgment. It doesn't matter how many times you come to Sunday School, it doesn't matter how many times you signed your name on a Gospel tract, it doesn't matter how many times you signed your name in this Bible, it doesn't matter how many messages you preached, how many Sunday School lessons you taught, how many times you sung in the choir, how many times you went on visitation, how many times you went to the nursing home, how many times you went to the prison, how many revivals you went to, at this point if you've never been born again, you'll be at this judgment and condemnation and hell-fire and brimstone is your final destination. Friend, he is a God of love but he is also a God of



judgment and he will send destruction on those that have never accepted him as their Savior.

The Bible tells us here in verse 12, "And I saw the dead, small and great." Friend, every poor man that has rejected Jesus Christ will be at this judgment. Every politician that has never accepted Jesus Christ. Every President that the United States has had that has not accepted Jesus Christ will stand at this judgment. Every celebrity, every Disney star, every Hollywood star will be at this judgment.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God." And, friend, at that point in your life, it doesn't matter how much money you had in Wells Fargo. It doesn't matter how many talks you had in this world. It doesn't matter how many ounces of gold you bought. Friend, when you stand in front of God, you're the same all the way across. At the foot of the cross is level ground. He looks at me just like he looks at you this morning but, friend, if you are in unbelief, if you've never believed in Christ, friend, he's begging you this morning to come to him. Friend, he is asking us of those that are lost, to come unto him, "And him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast down."

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life," and everything they've ever done which the book of life, "and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." This here, friend, is every unbeliever in Christ that will stand at this judgment seat of Christ. The Bible tells us here in John 8:21, "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come." Friend, you must seek the Lord Jesus Christ and flee from this sin that you're living in today.

Friend, the Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians, friend, who will be at this judgment? Who will be at this judgment seat of Christ? Friend, it is those that have not accepted Christ. But, friend, it doesn't matter how good this person is. It doesn't matter how much money they've given to foreign missions, how much money they've given to local missions, if they've never been born again, friend, they will die just like the murderer, they'll die just like the rapist and they'll go to the devil's hell.

But who is going to be at this judgment? Who is God going to judge and condemn to hell? The Bible tells us here in 1 Corinthians 6:9, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate," effeminate, friend, that is the Sodomite. That is the one that dresses up like women that are really men. That is effeminate, friend. And, friend, don't let any other doctrine, no other Bible tell you that everything that is read in this book right here will die and go to a devil's hell. They shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

"Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor

extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Now, look here, church, and this will humble you if you're a born again believer in Christ, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." This right here, unrighteous, fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of mankind, they will die and go to a devil's hell.

Now, friend, don't take me out of context here. A fornicator can get saved out of the sin that they're in. A Sodomite, they can get saved out of the sin that they're in. Friend, don't mistake this morning, God's not a God of hate. He loves every man, boy and girl, every kindred, every tribe, friend, he loves them. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Friend, he loves this whole world but, friend, he hates the sin that they're in and when these people stand before God on that day, friend, he's not sending them to hell because he hates them. No, friend, he's sending them to hell because he hates the sin that they have chosen to live in; that he hates the life that they've chosen to live.

Friend, this morning if you're here and you're lost and never been born again, friend, at this point in your life, I'll tell it just as plain and as simple as I know how to put it, friend. I'm not a brilliant man, I'm just a country boy, but if you die without Christ, you're going to hell. There is no way to sugar-coat it. There is no way to put icing on it. If you die without Christ, I don't care what you've done, you'll die and go to hell. It doesn't matter how good grandpa was, how good grandma was, if they die without Christ, they'll go to a devil's hell and they'll be judged at this judgment. Friend, today is the day of salvation. He told Zaccheus to make haste, "Today is the day of salvation."

Friend, this is a scary thought this Bible. Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter in but them that doeth the will of my Father, the will of the Father that no man should perish but all should come to repentance. And I will say in that day, Depart from me, I never knew you." Friend, this judgment here is not preached on a bunch but, friend, it is a reality. It is truth. And, friend, whoever stands at this great white throne judgment, every sinner that is never born again will stand here.

And not only do we see them that rejected the truth will be at this judgment but, lastly and we're done, church, verse 14, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Friend, this right here is the final destination for every person that is lost. You say, "I don't know my future, preacher." Are you born again or are you lost? If you're born again and washed by the blood of Jesus Christ, read Revelation 21, friend. That is our destination, the New Jerusalem. Oh, friend, that is my destination but, friend, if you're lost and you've never been born again, this is your destination: you will burn for all of eternity. Friend, there is no way to sugar-coat it. There is no way to put it any simpler, that a man lost will die in his sins and go to hell.

Friend, the last words at this judgment that these people will ever hear, the last words will come from Jesus Christ and it will be, "Depart from me, I never knew you, ye that work iniquity." The Bible tells us he says, "I never knew you." The question this morning,

church, is not if you know him. There are a lot of people that know Jesus Christ. You go to every door around this community and I promise you they know Jesus Christ, but the question is does he know you? You stand in front of him on that day and you hear the words, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant," or, "I never knew you. Depart from me ye that worketh iniquity." The sorriest thing that I can think of, the saddest thought that I could ever think of in all of eternity, that a man can think in his mind that he is saved, doing the right thing and bust hell wide open. Friend, and it is biblical proof to back that up. "Depart from me, I never knew you." They have done many works, "Did we not prophesy in your name?" He said, "Depart from me."

Friend, the reality of this lake of fire, and I'm done, church. I know it's late but just bear with me. The reality of this lake of fire, these people are at judgment. You think about it, church: how many people do you know that have committed a crime and went straight into prison. There is none of them. There is no man that has done a crime that went straight to prison without a court date, without a hearing. These people are in hell. They've already been in hell. Don't think that they're just now going into hell. These people have been in hell. They've been burning for years and years and years. Hell is separate from the lake of fire. Hell is a jail. You see a man being taken for his crime, whatever he's done, murdered, rob a bank, they take him and first thing they do is they arrest him and put him in a jail in whatever community he's in and that's his holding place until his judgment, but until he's got to stand before the judge, that's his holding place. But, friend, the lake of fire is the penitentiary. It is the prison for all of eternity and when they get to this place in their life, friend, there is no hope for them.

They will be in a lake of fire for all of eternity and, friend, the verse in Matthew 22:13 says, "cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The last words they ever hear will be, "I never knew you. Depart from me." But I don't believe that's the last thing that they'll ever hear. I believe they'll feel in hell. I believe that and it's not just an opinion, I believe it because I can back it up with Scripture in this book, that man will have a physical feeling in hell. A man will have his mind in the lake of fire. He'll have his mind. The Bible says in Luke 16:24, "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." There is flame. There is the real flame, friend, that is burning. There is a physical feeling. There is a conscience that you'll have.

"Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger." If I was to dip, if I was to cut that off and just dip the tip of my finger in that water, there wouldn't be much for somebody to quench their thirst. That's all this man wanted, it was just a dip of water off the tip of Lazarus' finger.

Friend, this place is everlasting destruction, a furnace of fire, darkness, everlasting punishment, a fire that will never be quenched. There is not a fire department on this planet earth that will put that fire out. There is not a fire marshal on planet earth that will ever put this fire out. That is for all those that have never accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Friend, this is a message of condemnation, no doubt, but, friend, condemnation is

on yourself if you don't accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Friend, God doesn't send anybody to hell. I believe you send yourself there. And if a man hears the Gospel and it is in his heart, if the Father is drawing, Holy Ghost conviction fell on him, then that man or woman never deals with that, friend. But, friend, God is faithful and God is a God of justice and mercy and grace that none should perish but all should come to repentance.