

What is Sanctification? Lesson 10 – The Death and Judgment of the Unbeliever

Introduction:

- All those who know Christ will someday die and be _____.

Rom 8.30 And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also **glorified**.

- All those who do not know Christ will someday die and face God's _____.

Prov 11.21 Be assured, **an evil person will not go unpunished**, but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.

Heb 9.27 And just as it is **appointed for man to die once**, and after that comes **judgment**.

- All those who do not know Christ have an appointment for two things:
 - They have an appointment with _____.
 - They have an appointment with _____.

1. The _____ of the unbeliever.

A. Death is the final outcome of life in a _____ world.

Rom 5.12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men because all have sinned**.

B. At death the unbeliever will experience sorrow _____.

- After Christians die, they will experience joy that is free from all _____.

Matt 25.21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. **Enter into the joy of your master.**'

Rev 21.4 He will **wipe away every tear** from their eyes, and death shall be no more, **neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain** anymore, for the former things have passed away."

- After unbelievers die, their sorrows only become _____.

Matt 13.41–42 *The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.*

C. The thought of an unbeliever's death should bring _____ to our hearts.

Rom 9.1–3 *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have **great sorrow** and **unceasing anguish** in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were **accursed and cut off** from Christ **for the sake of my brothers**, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

- Paul was so filled with the love of God, that he felt deep _____ for those who might die without Christ.
- The love of God never caused Paul to _____ that unbelievers go to Heaven when they die.
- The love of God would cause us to tell unbelievers the _____ about their sin and condemnation, as well as the good news of God's grace in the Gospel.

2 Cor. 5.11 *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, **we persuade others**.*

2 Cor 5.14–15 *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, **that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised**.*

2. The _____ of the unbeliever.

A. At death, the soul of the unbeliever departs to suffer in _____.

- This is vividly described in Luke 16, in the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

Luke 16.19 *There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.*

Luke 16.20 *And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores.*

Luke 16.22 *The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side.*

- In Hell, unbelievers suffer great _____.

Luke 16.23 *and in Hades, **being in torment**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.*

Luke 16.28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this **place of torment**.

- In Hell, unbelievers suffer great pain from _____ of fire.

Luke 16.24 And he (the rich man) called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, **for I am in anguish in this flame**.

- In Hell, unbelievers _____ for mercy, but they will not receive it, because after death the time for mercy is too late.

Luke 16.24 And he (the rich man) called out, “Father Abraham, **have mercy on me**, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.

Luke 16.25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you **in your lifetime** received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and **you are in anguish**.

- This story about the torments of Hell is a _____ to everyone to hear and believe the message of the Scriptures before it’s too late.

Luke 16.27–28 And he said, ‘Then **I beg you**, father, to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—**so that he may warn them**, lest they also come into this place of torment.’

Luke 16.31 He said to him, **If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets**, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

Rom 10.17 So **faith** comes from hearing, and hearing **through the word of Christ**.

- B. At the final resurrection, the unbeliever’s _____ will be raised for the judgment.

John 5.28–29 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when **all who are in the tombs** will hear his voice 29 **and come out**, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and **those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment**.

Rev 20.12 **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.

Rev 20.13–14 *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.***

- In Hell, unbelievers are never burned up, and they never stop experiencing _____.

Matt 25.46 *And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.*

Rev 20.10 *and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever.***

Mark 9.48 *where their worm does not die and **the fire is not quenched.***

- Not only will their bodies suffer, but they will experience anguish in their hearts and minds at being separated from God and from everything that is _____.

Luke 16.25 *But Abraham said, ‘Child, **remember** that you in your lifetime received your **good things**, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but **now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.***

- Why are unbelievers judged if their final destiny in Hell is already _____?
 - Reason 1: Every unbeliever will appear before Christ at the judgment to bow before Him and confess that He is _____.

Phil 2.10–11 *so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and **every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- Reason 2: The Day of Judgment will demonstrate to unbelievers how sinful and _____ of judgment that they really are.

Eccl 12.14 *For God will bring **every deed** into judgment, with **every secret thing**, whether good or evil.*

Rom 3.19 *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that **every mouth may be stopped**, and the whole world may be **held accountable to God.***

- As Christians we deserve the wrath of God just as much as them, but Christians have trusted in the blood of Jesus to _____ them of all their sins.

Rom 8.1 *There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

- So, by God's great _____, we will be accepted into Heaven, and unbelievers will be condemned to Hell, for all eternity.

Conclusion:

- At death, the believer's soul will depart and be with _____.
- At death, the unbeliever's soul at death will depart and be in _____.
- At the resurrection, the believer's body will be raised to _____.
- At the resurrection, the unbeliever's body will be raised to _____.
- The believer's body will be made perfect and _____ like Jesus' body.
- The unbeliever's body will experience the eternal _____ of the Lake of Fire.
- The believer will experience _____ and _____ forever in the presence of the Lord.
- The unbeliever will experience _____ and _____ forever, banished from God and all that is good.

John 3.36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

- These things should compel us with loving urgency to _____ unbelievers with the Gospel of God's salvation.