



LESSON 8 – FOUNDATION STONES:

because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

- Acts 17:31 -

**CLASS EIGHT:  
PART 1  
FOUNDATION STONES CONTINUED**

**I. WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS CLASS**

- Continuing the study of some of the foundational truths of the Christian Faith, in this class you will learn about Resurrection and Eternal Judgment.
- Under “Eternal Judgment” you will learn what things Christians *can* judge!

**II. FOUNDATION STONES – RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

**\_\_\_\_\_ of the Dead**

- **A Central Doctrine to the Christian Faith**

*More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:15-20*

*As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said. Acts 17:2-3*

- **A Powerful Testimony**

*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. Acts 4:33*

- **A Certain Promise for Believers**

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8:11*

*Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17*

- **There is a resurrection of Believers and another Resurrection for Unbelievers**

*Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:28, 29*

*I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6*

## **Eternal \_\_\_\_\_**

- **One key element in the Holy Spirit's work is to convict of guilt in regards to coming judgment.**

*When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:8*

- **Judgment day is coming for all – the righteous live eternally with God, the unrighteous are cast into the lake of fire, eternally separated from God.**

*For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. Romans 14:10b*

*For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead. Acts 17:31*

*Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:27-28*

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10*

*And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:10-15*

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Timothy 4:1*

*and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord*

*Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10*

- **We are often told by unbelievers that since Jesus said “not to judge,” therefore no Christian should say anything to others in regard to their sin or their standing before God.**

However, Dr. D.A. Carson notes that “Still less does this verse forbid all judging of any kind, for the moral distinctions drawn in the Sermon on the Mount require that decisive judgments be made.” (*The Expositor’s Bible Commentary Matthew & Mark, 2010 Zondervan, p. 219*).

Also, Jesus says in John 7:24, “Stop judging by mere appearances, and **make a right judgment.**” (NIV, emphasis added.) In this context, He is telling them that they were to judge *in truth or true judgment, not on the basis of a self-justifying or self-righteous judgment.* The Jews were allowing circumcision on the Sabbath (which was not allowed by their tradition) while at the same time *judging* Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath!

The scriptures say a number of things about “judging” that give a fuller picture than only one verse:

- *Do not judge, or you too will be judged. Matthew 7:1*
- *Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37*
- *Why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right? Luke 12:57*
- *What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 1 Corinthians 5:12*
- *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 1 Corinthians 6:2*
- *Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! 1 Corinthians 6:3*
- *I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? 1 Corinthians 6:5*
- *But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. 1 Corinthians 11:31*

#### - **What Can Christians Judge?**

- False apostles – 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Unrepentant believers caught up in continuous, willful sin – 1 Corinthians 5:1-5
- People who blaspheme against the Lord and the local Church – 1 Timothy 1:20
- False teachers – Jude 11; Acts 20:26-28
- False teaching – Romans 16:17, 18
- Good and bad leadership character qualities and prerequisites for ministry – Titus 1:7-14; Titus 2:7, 8; 2 Corinthians 4:2
- Candidates for recognition and appointing as deacons – Acts 6
- Candidates for recognition and appointing as pastors or other ministry offices – 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1:5-9

**ANSWERS:**

Pg. 1 – Resurrection

Pg. 2 – Judgment