

Judged Righteous in Christ

The believers have been judged in the person of Jesus Christ, and our sins have been forgiven. When Christ died we were justified.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Because God gave the sacrifice of our loving Lord and Savior, we have been judged righteous.

II Corinthians 5:21

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.

We are never again in jeopardy to be judged. Our judgement is over, and we have been found innocent in Christ. Therefore we are righteous and saved from wrath. Other verses to consider are Romans 5:9, 8:1; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:26-28, 10:10, 14-17; I Peter 2:24 and 3:18.

Judgement in the Church

We are told not to judge ourselves and fellow believers according to the flesh (our thinking, opinion, emotions). Paul stated he judged not himself (I Corinthians 4:3). However, Paul had to make right judgements about his behavior and life. We must examine and make self judgements or we will not walk as God would have us to walk. See I Corinthians 11:28-34; II Corinthians 13:1-6. God Almighty is the ultimate Judge and emphatically and frequently tells us not to judge each other according to the flesh (Romans 2:1-5; 14:1ff). However, in the Church we are instructed to make right judgements according to God's Word and the holy spirit's guidance. These judgements are not carnal opinions but God directed. See I Corinthians 5:1-5, 6:1-8.

Judgement of Believer's Works

Our sins have been atoned for and are remembered no more forever, but every work must come into judgement (Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10; Galatians 6:7-10; Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:24 and 25). The result of our works will be to receive or lose rewards when Christ returns, but the individual shall be saved.

I Corinthians 3:11-15

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

This judgement occurs at the return of Christ, Matthew 16:27; Luke 14:13 and 14; I Corinthians 4:5; II Timothy 4:7 and 8; Revelation 22:12.