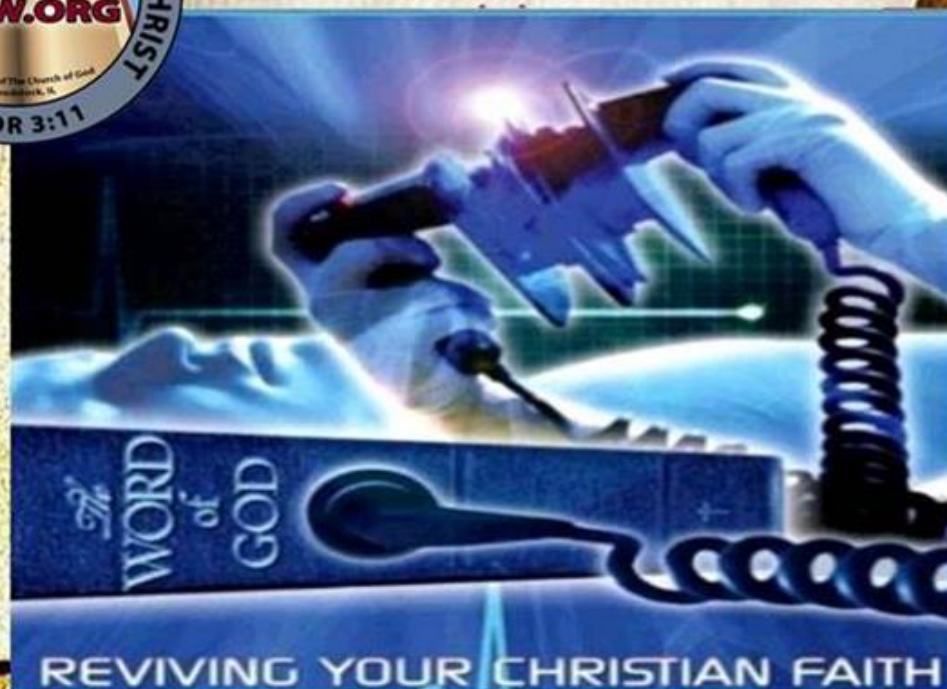
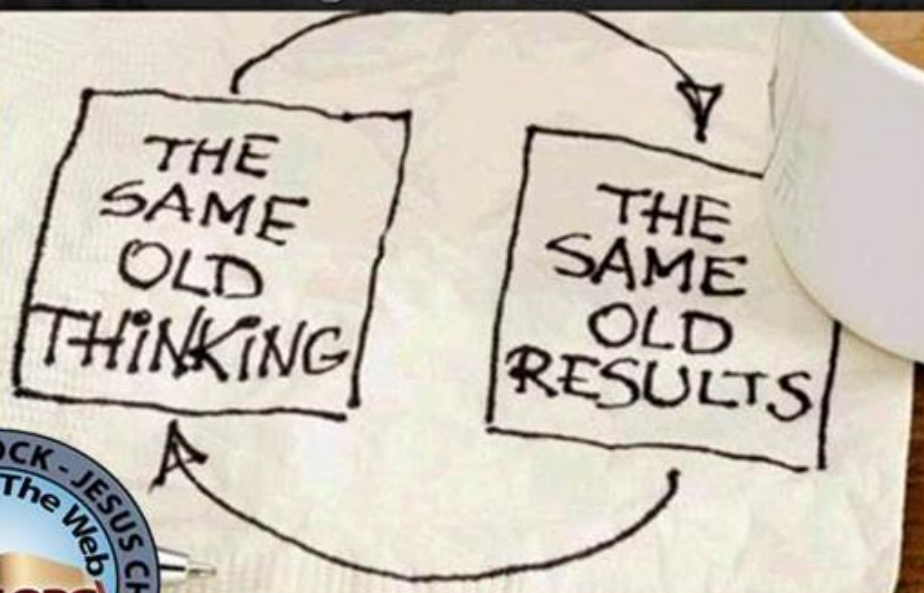


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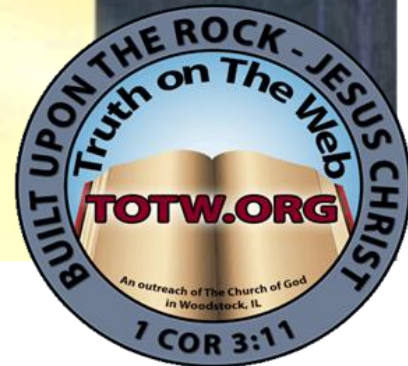
ROMANS 12:12





# ETERNAL JUDGMENT

Addressing  
the FAQs



Those who do not receive a full knowledge and, by faith, an enjoyment of this favor of God in the present time (and such are the great majority, including children and heathen) will assuredly have these privileges in the next age, or "world to come," the dispensation or age to follow the present. To this end, "all that are in their graves...shall come forth.

Charles Taze Russell  
Studies in the Scriptures, Series 1, pp. 129-130

"Then the mighty Executive Officer of Jehovah God, he who holds the keys, shall open the doors of hell and death, and bring forth the countless millions that are there, that they may be given the truth and have their trial, a full opportunity to be reconciled to God and to live forever." (p. 311)

During that time, "There will be none there to influence him to disobey. If he willfully disobeys the law, however, he shall suffer. It seems clear from the Scriptures that the Lord will grant him A HUNDRED YEARS to prove whether he will or will not try to do right." (p. 322)

Joseph Rutherford  
Reconciliation

**Isaiah 65:17-20** For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.**

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**Will *ALL* Be Saved?**



**Matthew 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather **fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell** [*gehenna*].

kill the body...kill the soul

**destroy both soul and body in hell** [*gehenna*]

**Matthew 7:13-14** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to **destruction** [*apoleia*], and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

**Acts 25:16** To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to **die** [*apoleia*], before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

**Hebrews 10:39** But we are not of them who draw back unto **perdition** [*apoleia*]; but of them that believe to **the saving of the soul** [*psuche*].



**Matthew 13:47-51** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto Him, Yea, Lord.

Are people who don't have the Holy Spirit under judgment?

**Matthew 23:13-15** But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for **ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men**: for **ye neither go in yourselves**, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore **ye shall receive the greater damnation**. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

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**John 17:12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and **none of them is lost, but the son of perdition**; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.



**Revelation 19:20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

**Matthew 13:38-40** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

Is The Whole World Under Judgment Now?

All Mankind Is Already Judged As Wicked

**1 John 5:19** And we know that we are of God,  
and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.**



**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that **the wickedness of man was great** in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**Genesis 6:12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, **it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

**Psalms 14:2-3** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

**Romans 3:9-19** What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved **both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin**; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

**Ephesians 2:2-5** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and **were by nature the children of wrath, even as others**. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when **we were dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

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...and **were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

...when **we were dead in sins**



Why did God bring the judgment of the Flood upon the whole world if all mankind is not under judgment?

Why did God bring the judgment upon Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities about them (being that none of them were "called")?

Why did Obadiah prophesy against Edom?

Why was Jonah sent to Nineveh to call them to repentance if they were not under judgment anyway (i.e., not being "called")?

# ETERNAL JUDGMENT

The background of the slide features a central, glowing golden throne where a figure, presumably Christ, is seated. The figure is surrounded by a bright, ethereal light. This central scene is framed by several vertical blue stripes of varying widths, creating a sense of depth and grandeur. The overall color palette is dominated by gold, blue, and white.

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

Is there any Scripture that witnesses that all are not under judgment now?

Are there any Scriptures that you believe oppose what we have seen thus far?

# **JUDGMENT:**

Period Of Testing OR Execution of Punishment?

**Revelation 20:11-15** 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. 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. 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. 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.

**Daniel 12:2** And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**2 Peter 2:3-5** And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: **whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, **to be reserved unto judgment;** And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of **the ungodly;**

**2 Peter 2:6-9** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, **making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly**; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and **to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**



**2 Peter 2:12-13** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and **shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness**, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

**Jude 1:5-7** I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the **judgment of the great day**. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are **set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire**.

**Matthew 12:41-42** The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here.

But what about \_\_\_\_\_?



**2 Corinthians 10:5** Casting down **imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**2 Corinthians 10:5** We are destroying **speculations** and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

**Job 3:11-13** Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck? For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

**Job 10:18-19** Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! **I should have been as though I had not been**; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.



**Matthew 26:24** The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! **it had been good for that man if he had not been born.**

**Genesis 25:21-23** And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Vessels Created For Destruction?

Romans 9

**Romans 9:9-13** For this is a word of promise, "At the appointed time I will come, and Sarah will have a son." Not only so, but Rebecca also conceived by one, by our father Isaac. For being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The elder will serve the younger." Even as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

**Romans 9:14-17** What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? May it never be! For He said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I caused you to be raised up, that I might show in you My power, and that My name might be published abroad in all the earth."

**Romans 9:18-21** So then, He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say then to me, "Why does He still find fault? For who withstands His will?" But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed ask Him who formed it, "Why did You make me like this?" Or hasn't the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel for honor, and another for dishonor?

**Romans 9:22-23** What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath made for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

## WE DO WELL TO REMEMBER...

- Only eight were saved during the Flood - Genesis 7:21-23; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5
- Only three escaped the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah - Genesis 19:24-30
- Only two men out of 603,550 over the age of 20 were permitted to enter the land of Canaan - Numbers 14:26-32; cf. 1:45-46



**Isaiah 46:9-10** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:

**Revelation 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world.

**Revelation 17:8** The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and **they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

**Psalms 139:13-17** For Thou hast possessed my reins:  
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will  
praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:  
marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth  
right well. My substance was not hid from Thee, when  
I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the  
lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my  
substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my  
members were written, which in continuance were  
fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How  
precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how  
great is the sum of them!

**Isaiah 49:1** Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath He made mention of my name.

**Jeremiah 1:4-5** Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

**2 Timothy 4:8** 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.

**Psalms 7:11** **God is a righteous judge**, Yes, a God who has indignation every day.

**Psalms 9:8** He will judge the world in righteousness.  
He will administer judgment to the peoples in  
uprightness.

**Psalms 98:9** ...He comes to judge the earth. He will  
judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples  
with equity.

**Jeremiah 11:20** But, the LORD of hosts, who judges  
righteously, who tests the heart and the mind...

**Psalms 100:5** For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

**Psalms 106:1** Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

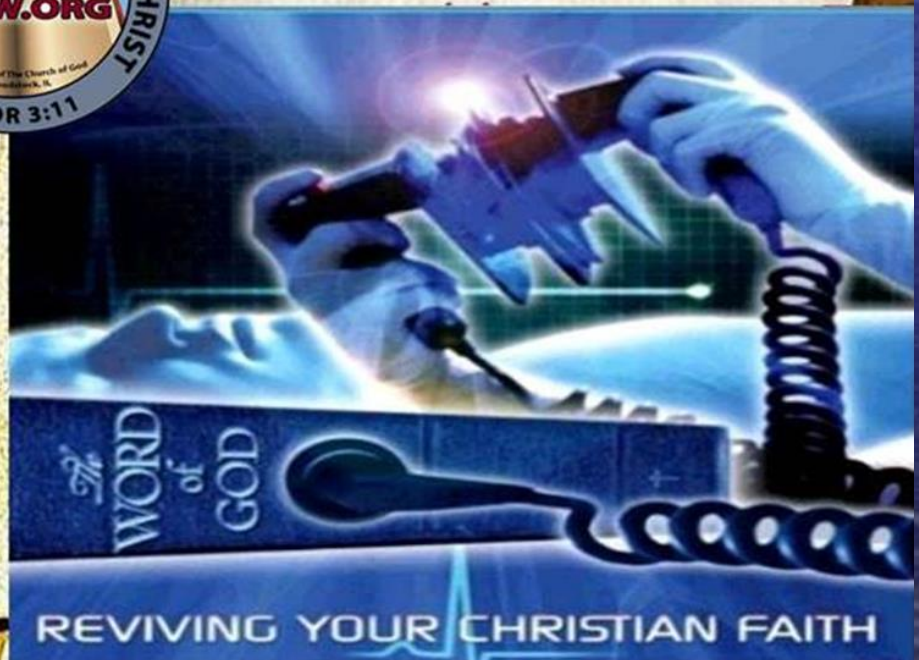
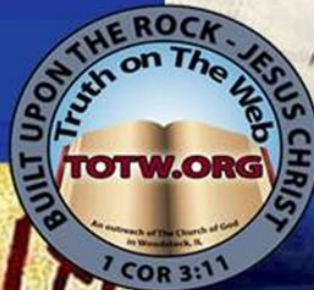
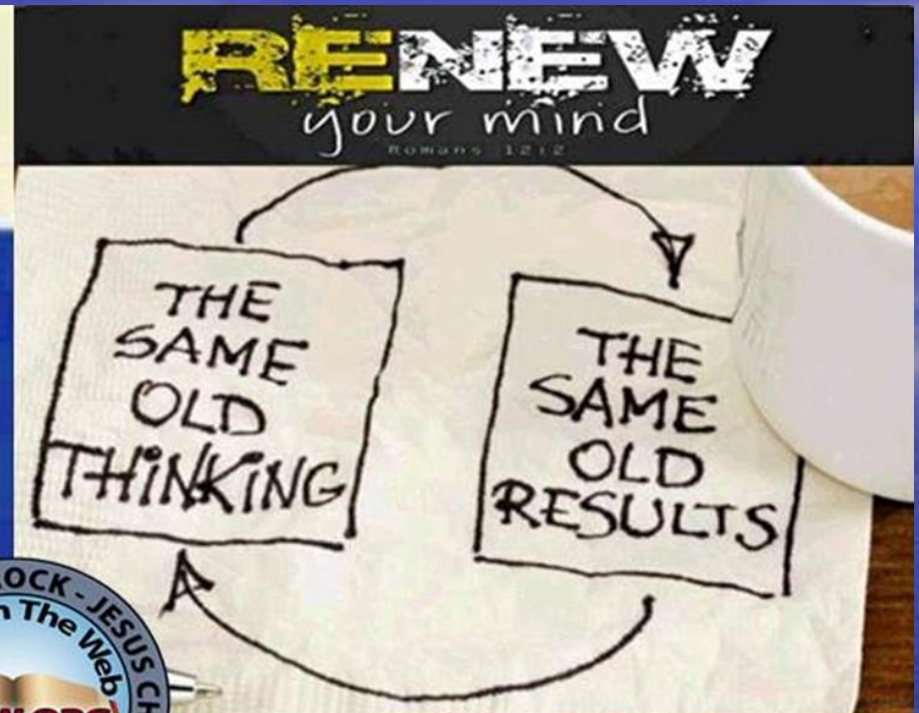
**Psalms 119:67-68** Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word. **Thou art good, and doest good**; teach me thy statutes.



**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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