

GRADUATION DAY IS COMING

BACK TO SCHOOL SERIES

Pastor Kevin Cummings – August 30, 2026 – Part #4

Revelation 20:11-15; I Corinthians 3:10-15

- We will all “_____” from this life. (Hebrews 9:27)
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 2. We go immediately to heaven or hell.
(II Corinthians 5:8; Luke 16:22-24; John 11:25-26)
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I. Why will we be judged?

- A. To show the _____ of God. (II Cor. 5:21)
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- D. To _____ unbelievers and to _____ believers.
(Matt. 16:27; 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-9; II Peter 2:9; II John 8)

II. How will we be judged?

- A. We will be judged _____. (Psalm 67:4; 75:2; 96:10)
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- F. We will be judged for the _____ that were given to us. (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:48)

III. Who will be judged?

- A. _____ at the Great White Throne. (Rev. 20:11-15)
 1. All those judged here are sent to the lake of fire; this judgment just determines the degree of their punishment.
(Luke 12:47-48; Romans 2:5-11; II Peter 2:21)
 2. This punishment will be eternal. There is no 2nd chance after death.
 3. This judgment is based on the evidence of their works and the absence of their name in the Book of Life.
- B. _____ at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (II Cor. 3:10-15)
 1. The misconceptions of the judgment seat of Christ.
 - It is not to determine whether someone enters heaven.
 - It is not to punish believers for their sins.
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 2. The message of the judgment seat of Christ. (v. 10)
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 - Believers' works are judged, not our sins.
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