

Judgments in Scripture: Believers vs. Unbelievers

Category	Believers (In Christ)	Unbelievers (Without Christ)
Judgment Name	Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema Seat)	Great White Throne Judgment
Key Scriptures	Romans 14:10–12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:12–15	Revelation 20:11–15, John 12:48
Who Is Judged?	All who are saved by faith in Jesus Christ	All who rejected Christ and whose names are not in the Book of Life
Basis of Judgment	Works done after salvation (faithfulness, obedience, stewardship)	Works done in life (as evidence of rejection of Christ)
What Is Examined?	Quality of service, motives, obedience, love, stewardship of gifts and time (1 Cor. 4:5)	Every deed, word, and hidden thing apart from Christ (Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36)
Outcome	Rewards, crowns, eternal responsibilities (1 Cor. 3:14; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 22:12)	Eternal separation from God, cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15)
Condemnation?	✗ No – 'There is now no condemnation...' (Rom. 8:1)	✓ Yes – 'The wages of sin is death' (Rom. 6:23)
Nature of Judgment	Evaluation – what was done for Christ remains; what was worthless burns away	Sentencing – confirming guilt and executing eternal judgment
Final Destiny	Eternal life with God, reigning with Christ (Rev. 21:3–7; 2 Tim. 2:12)	Eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15; Matt. 25:46)