

Judgment before the Great White Throne!

Rev 20:11-15 - Belgic Confession - Article 37: *The Last Judgement*

1. _____ Day; what is going through your mind when you think of this day?
 - a. As believer's we should call this day "_____ Day"!!
 - b. What great and small means is that _____ will be judged? Rev 20:12
2. We don't know _____ about judgement day; but the bible does give us some description of this day.
 - a. The throne being "great" speaks of the _____ and _____ of the triune God. Rev 20:11
 - b. White speaks of the _____ and _____ of God.
3. What is all going on with these different _____. Rev 20:12
 - a. The books that are opened in this verse are the records of our public and private _____. Luke 12:3
4. Satan, his demons and all of those left upon the earth that turned their back against God have been _____ and thrown into the lake of burning sulfur. Rev 19-20
 - a. When you die; you go through a _____ right away. (The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 57)
 - b. Your soul goes immediately to one of two places - _____ or Sheol or _____.
5. Will believers be judged according to what we have done or by our faith in Jesus Christ? Ephesians 2:8-9
 - a. James 2:17 "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is _____."
 - b. How do we know if someone has faith? --- Look at the _____ they are producing?
6. The second book is called the "Book of _____".
 - a. If your name is written in the book of Life; then all the bad things that are written in your other book have been _____.
 - b. How do we erase the bad stuff in the book of deeds? _____ for _____! 1 John 1:9
7. Our earthly lives our full of meaning because they are lived in the light of _____.
 - a. The way you spend eternity in heaven is giving your _____ to Christ and choosing to follow Him as your Lord and Savior here on earth.

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Finally we believe, according to God's Word, that when the time appointed by the Lord is come (which is unknown to all creatures) and the number of the elect is complete, our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven, bodily and visibly, as he ascended, with great glory and majesty, to declare himself the judge of the living and the dead. He will burn this old world, in fire and flame, in order to cleanse it. Then all human creatures will appear in person before the great judge—men, women, and children, who have lived from the beginning until the end of the world. They will be summoned there "with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet."⁸¹ For all those who died before that time will be raised from the earth, their spirits being joined and united with their own bodies in which they lived. And as for those who are still alive, they will not die like the others but will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" from perishable to imperishable.⁸² Then the books (that is, the consciences) will be opened, and the dead will be judged according to the things they did in the world,⁸³ whether good or evil. Indeed, all people will give account of all the idle words they have spoken,⁸⁴ which the world regards as only playing games. And then the secrets and hypocrisies of all people will be publicly uncovered in the sight of all. Therefore, with good reason the thought of this judgment is horrible and dreadful to wicked and evil people. But it is very pleasant and a great comfort to the righteous and elect, since their total redemption will then be accomplished. They will then receive the fruits of their labor and of the trouble they have suffered; their innocence will be openly recognized by all; and they will see the terrible vengeance that God will bring on the evil ones who tyrannized, oppressed, and tormented them in this world. The evil ones will be convicted by the witness of their own consciences, and shall be made immortal— but only to be tormented in "the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."⁸⁵ In contrast, the faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor. The Son of God will profess their names⁸⁶ before God his Father and the holy and elect angels; all tears will be wiped from their eyes;⁸⁷ and their cause— at present condemned as heretical and evil by many judges and civil officers— will be acknowledged as the cause of the Son of God. And as a gracious reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine. So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to enjoy fully the promises of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

81 1 Thess. 4:16, 82 1 Cor. 15:51-53, 83 Rev. 20:12, 84 Matt. 12:36, 85 Matt. 25:41, 86 Matt. 10:32, 87 Rev. 7:17