

The dead in the verses under non-believer's judgment refers to those people throughout time that never received Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior and rejected God. Those who reject God are not free from the penalty of their sins and therefore will be judged at this time and sentenced to hell for eternity. Believer's will enter heaven and undergo judgment which is sometimes referred to as the "Bema seat of Christ" which means "place of judgment". Believers will not lose their salvation but their works will be judged, good and bad.

Non-Believer's Judgment

Rev 20:2-10 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who 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, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Believer's Judgment

2 Cor 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 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.

Rom 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Discussion Item 1: *Do you think about non-believers and their destiny and why we should as believers labor in Christ to reach the lost?*

Discussion Item 2: *Do you think out what your judgment may look like in front of Christ as a believer and how to perhaps change the outcome?*

Life Application: *When you see a non-believer, remember judgment day and have compassion on that person, pray for their salvation and/or witness to them who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for you in your own testimony.*

Helpful Definition:

judge - To hear and determine, as in causes on trial; to decide as a judge; to give judgment; to pass sentence. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 20:8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

Psalms 110:6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.