

1 Peter Series

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**Great White Throne;
Why Sins Are Not the Issue
1 Peter 4:5–6; 1 Cor. 3:12–15;
Rev. 20:11–15**



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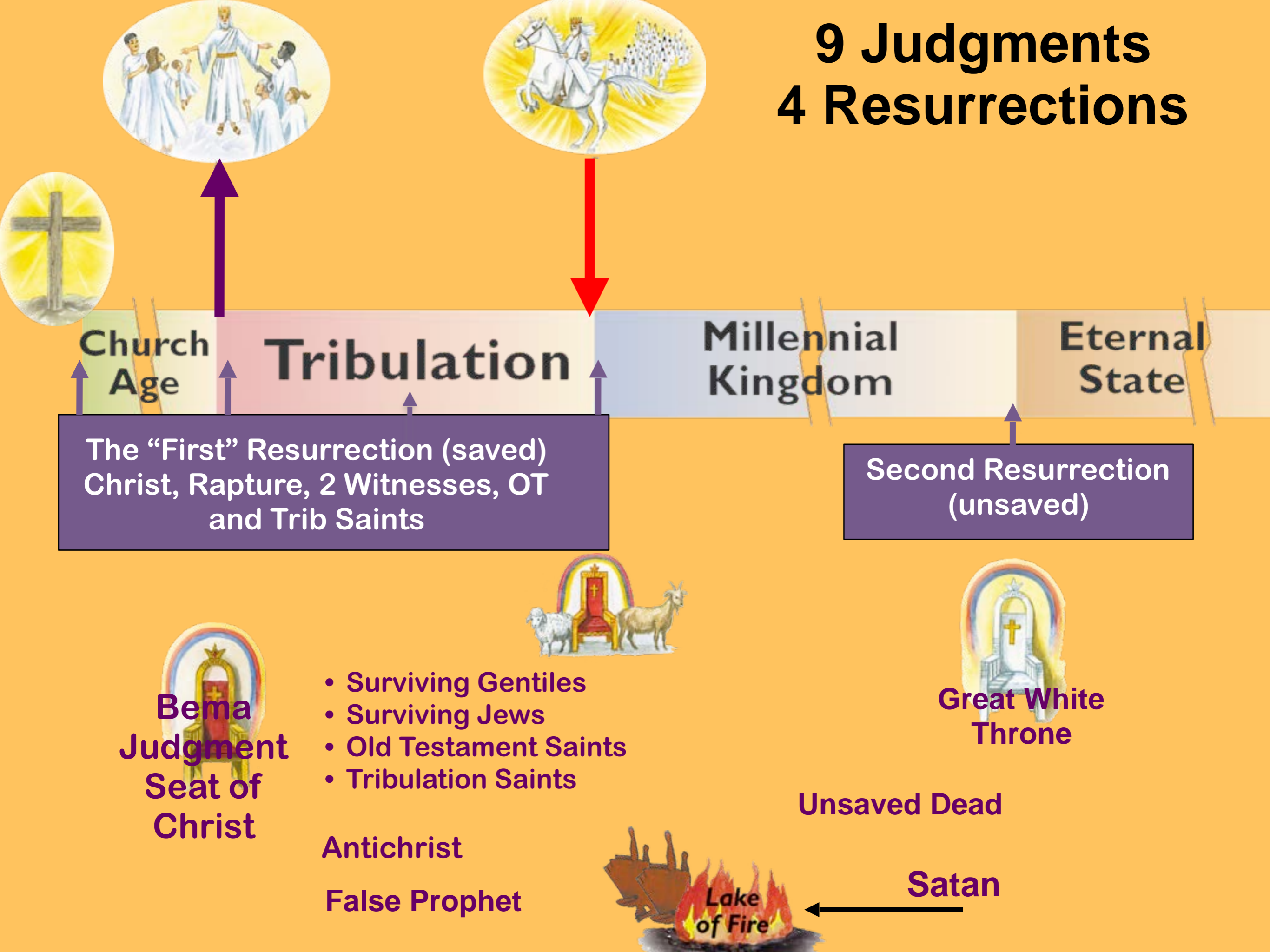
**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

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**ἀποδίδωμι *apodidōmi*
fut act indic 3 plur
to give back, pay**

9 Judgments 4 Resurrections

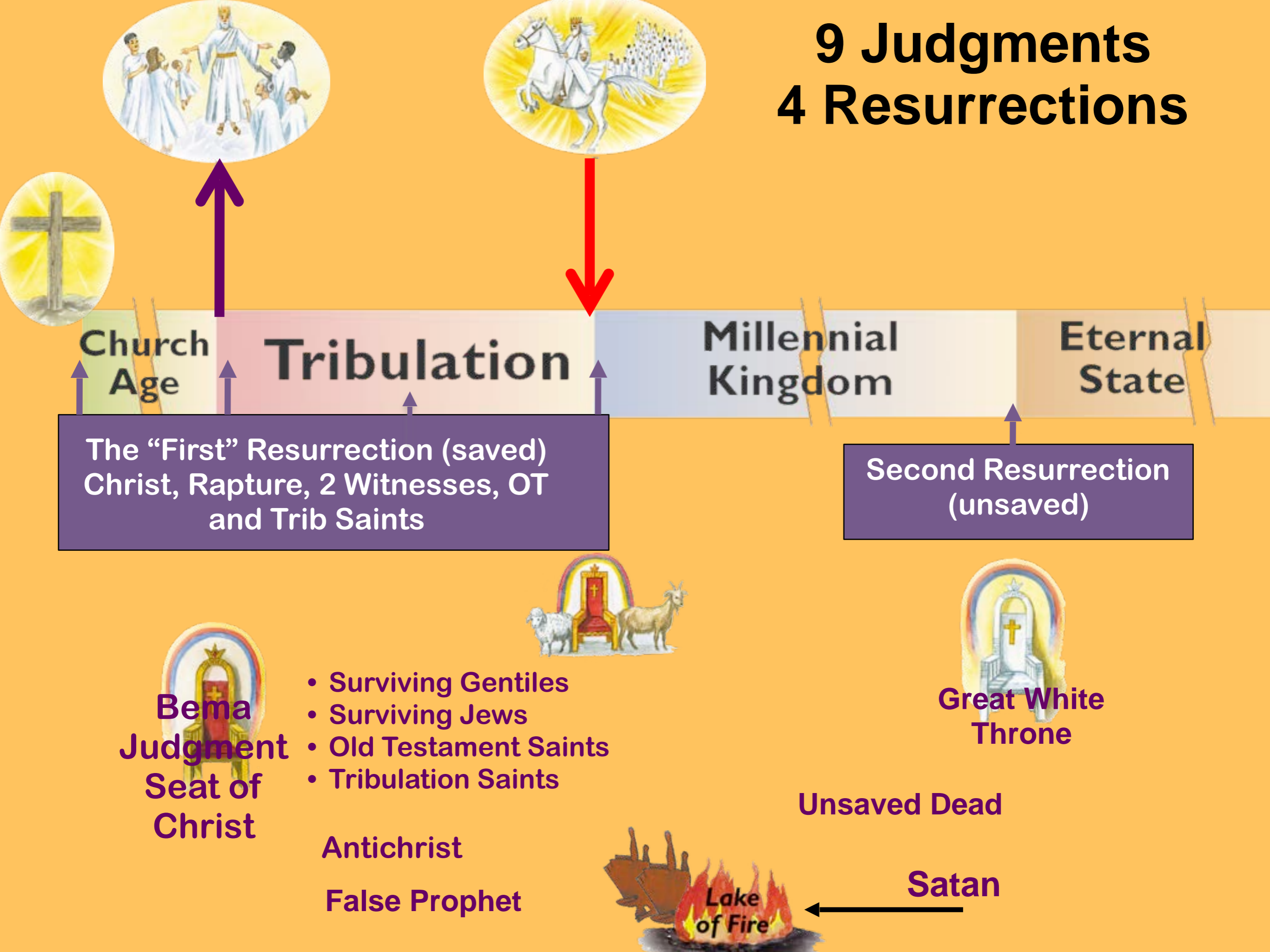


2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

***δει/ dei*, “it is necessary, one must, one ought to”**

- 1. There will be an evaluation of every believer's life.**
- 2. The issue isn't sin or salvation, but to reward faithfulness.**
- 3. The Judgment Seat of Christ is only for believers.**
- 4. The Judgment Seat is described in cultural terms: A Bema seat could refer to either the place of civil adjudication or the seat of the judges in an athletic context.**

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John 5:29, “and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”

Daniel 12:2, “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.”

Rev. 20:7, “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev. 20:8, “and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”

Rev. 20:9, “They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Rev. 20:10, “The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Rev. 20:11, “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.”

Rev. 20:12, “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.”

Rev. 20:13, “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.”

This is the key question:

Does “works” include sin, is it a synonym for sin, or is it restricted to only “good works,” i.e., morality?

Can an unbeliever produce a neutral morality that is “good?”

Rev. 20:14, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

Rev. 20:15, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Great White Throne



Books of Man's Works

Rev 20:12-13



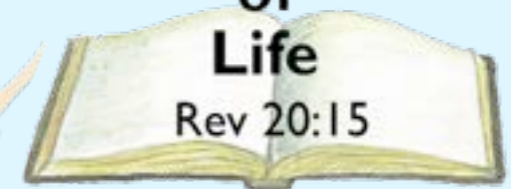
Lamb's Book of Life

Rev 21:27



The Book of Life

Rev 20:15



Jn 5:22



Sheol—Hades

Former Paradise

Great Gulf

Torment—Lk 16:18-31

Lake of Fire



Prison of Fallen Angels—2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6

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Isaiah 64:6,

“For all of us have
become like one who is
unclean,
and all our righteous
deeds are like a filthy
garment;”

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Declared
Righteous

+R

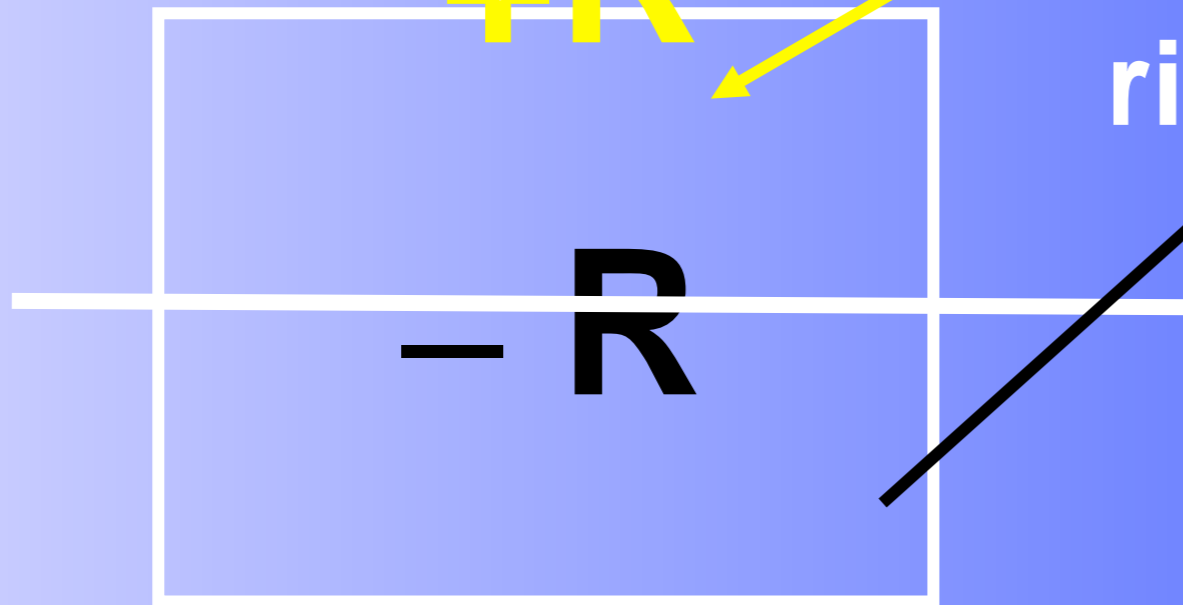


2 Corinthians 5:21,
“He made Him who
knew no sin *to be* sin
on our behalf, so that
we might become the
righteousness of God
in Him.”

Blessing

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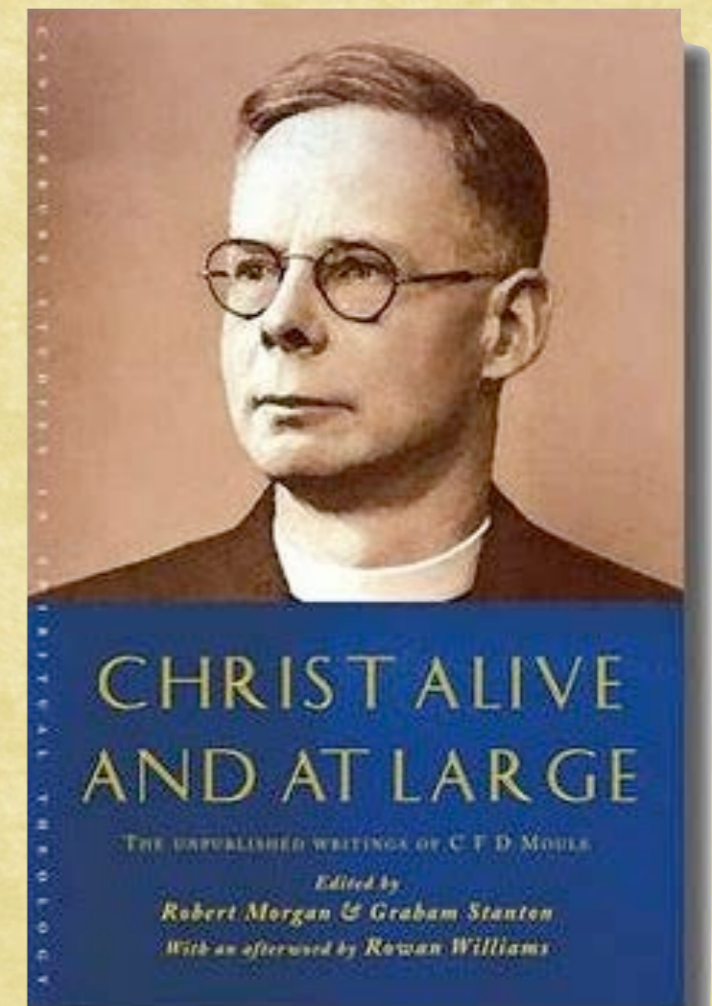
Not Condemned for Sin's Penalty

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Col. 2:14, “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

“This section [Col. 2:4–3:4] contains ... one of the most important of St. Paul’s descriptions of what is achieved by the death of Christ, and one of his most emphatic reiterations of the theme of the incorporation of believers in Christ.”

~C.F.D. Moule



Col. 2:11, “and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

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Deut. 10:16, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.”

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**ὄντας - present active participle of *eimi*, to be, to exist
no article, adverbial modifying “has made alive”**

Pres ptcp is at the same time as the action of the verb

Temporal: When you were dead in your trespasses ...

Concessive: Though you were dead in your trespasses ...

Our status was DEAD—not physically, but spiritually

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**συζωοποιέω *suzōpoiéō*
aor act indicative,
“to make alive together with”**

Eph. 2:5, “even though we were dead in our transgressions, God made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

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adverbial of cause:

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**“because he had already forgiven/canceled”
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- 2. Forgiveness positionally *in Christ*. Eph. 1:7**
- 3. Experiential forgiveness. 1 John 1:9**
- 4. Relational forgiveness. Eph. 4:32**

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ἄφεσις n. (*aphesis*), “release, pardon, cancellation, forgiveness”

Emphasizes the *act* of forgiveness

χαρίζομαι (*charizomai*), show favour or kindness, give as a favour, to be gracious to someone, to pardon

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Matt. 26:28, “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

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Heb. 9:22, “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

Col 2:13, “And you, though [or when] you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him,

because He had already forgiven us [or released us] from all our transgressions,

Col 2:14, “by [or when] He canceled** out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross;”**

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ἐξαιλείφω *exaleiphō*,

Aor Act Ptcp

“wipe away, blot out, rub out, erase, eradicate, remove”

**Psa. 51:9, “Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.”**

**Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am He who blots out
your transgressions for My own sake;
And I will not remember your sins.”**

מָחָה (māḥâ) I, *wipe, wipe out.*

**Acts 3:19, “Repent therefore and be
converted, that your sins may be blotted
out, so that times of refreshing may come
from the presence of the Lord,”**

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**ὑπεναντίος, *hupenantios*
“in opposition to, against,
contrary to” us**

“US” = “Gentiles”

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προσηλώω *prosēloō*

aor act part masc sing
nom

“to fasten; to nail to”

By nailing it to the cross

When nailing it to the cross

- 1. Sin is not the issue at salvation. The individual's sin is not the issue at salvation. Your sin is not the issue at salvation.**
- 2. This does not mean that sin, the sin penalty, and the reality of a person's spiritual death is ignored, but that personal sin is not the focal point.**
- 3. The focal point is grace; the emphasis is on forgiveness in the sense of Christ having paid it all at the cross.**
- 4. The point of application beyond the Gospel is that if Jesus paid it ALL at the cross, then He solved our greatest problem and can therefore be sufficient to solve any other problem we have in life.**

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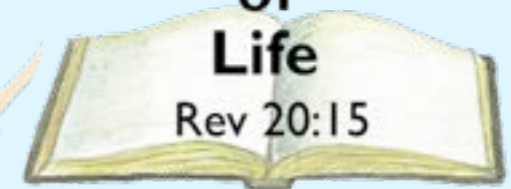
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John 3:18,

**“He who believes on Him is not
condemned,**

**But he who believes not is condemned
already,**

**because he has not believed in the name of
the**

only begotten Son of God.”