



## **The Coming Judgment of God**

21<sup>st</sup> in the “Thessalonians” Series

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

August 3, 2025

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**Introduction:** In this text, we learn about the justice of God and the final actions of God at the return of Christ.

This text teaches us five things about the justice God will ultimately bring forth.

- 1) Because God is just, he must - by his very nature - make right every wrong (v. 6-7a).
- 2) God’s finalizing actions of justice will happen at the return of Christ (v. 7b).
- 3) The standard of God’s justice is God alone, and the only redemption is the gospel of the Lord Jesus (v. 8).
- 4) The justice of God involves eternal punishment and separation for those opposed to God, and glory and blessing for those who believe in God (vv. 9-10).
- 5) The doctrines of heaven and hell summarize the final acts and state of God’s justice.

### EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 10

*We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen*

## **Pastoral Reflection: The Significance of Hell**

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) Why has it become common for Christians to be uncomfortable with the doctrine of hell? Are you uncomfortable with hell?
- 2) What does v. 6 mean when it says that “God is just?” How is justice part of the very nature of God?
- 3) What aspects of the final judgment of God at the return of Christ stand out to you in this passage? Are any statements difficult for you to accept? Do any statements encourage you?
- 4) How should the fact of hell and the coming judgment of God make a difference in the life and practices of Christians?
- 5) How do you reconcile the fact that “God is love” (1 John 4:8) with the equally biblical fact that “God is just” (v. 6)?
- 6) In what ways does the reality of hell and the judgment of God motivate you to share the gospel with people with whom you live and work?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Revelation 21:8 (Mon); Matthew 10:28 (Tues); Matthew 25:46 (Wed); Revelation 20:15 (Thurs); John 3:16-18 (Fri).