

Jesus Is The Judge
Acts.10:42; Jn.3:17-21
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Act.10:42 *And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.*

It never ends well for those who reject Jesus!

Jesus has many responsibilities, one of which is judgment. Jesus said that He came to create division and a sword. (Lk.12:49-51; Mat.10:34) Puzzling isn't it? Peace was prophesied by Zachariah concerning what would follow his son John's ministry. (Lk.1:76-79) Peace is also prophesied by the angels at Jesus' birth. (Lk.2:14 * "...*peace among men in whom He (God) is well pleased.*")

Prophecy proclaims Jesus would be the prince of peace. (Isa.9:6-7) How can Jesus be both a provider of peace and one who divides in judgment? Valid question! Consider Isaiah's words concerning Jesus in Isaiah 11:1-2. Isaiah unfolds the responsibilities of the one who judges and brings peace.

This is how the situation of the people of the world is: by their nature, objects of wrath. (Eph.2:1-9 (verse 3) All mankind is under the wrath of God because of their sin. The most important peace that anyone can have is the kind of peace one

can have with God. This is the kind of peace that exists when God's wrath has been appeased or removed against that individual.

Notice what John the Baptist says about this wrath in John 3:36: "*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*" Jesus declared that all judgment was given to Him. (Jn.5:22-24) How does Jesus judge? What does it mean for Him to be the judge in relationship to you and me? If you believe in Him you live!

It is true we will all stand before Jesus' judgment seat. (2Cor.5:10) For those who are in Christ Jesus the dread or fear of judgment is reduced by the measure to which you have matured in Christ. (1Jn.4:18) It is true that for all who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and in so doing seek to serve Him and do His will; they have gained peace. The wrath of God has been removed! (Jn.3:36; 1Thes.5:9 (1-10))

Even though we all will have to stand before Jesus and give account for our life, we do not need to fear the terror of eternal judgment. Jesus has provided in Himself the substitute for us. (Jn.3:16)

Jesus as Judge grants peace to those who accept Him as their Lord and Savior and walk in obedience to His will. His judgment is trustworthy and true because He sees each of us as we are.