

Although those who believe on Christ do not have to go through any further judgment for sin, a different sort of judgment awaits them after death, a judgment for rewards. As long as they live, after they have become Christians, they have opportunity to accomplish something for their Saviour, and He has promised to reward those who serve Him faithfully.

Paul says in II Corinthians 5:10:

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

The details of this judgment are presented in I Corinthians 3:11-15. It is not easy to determine from the Scripture when it will occur. Perhaps it occurs immediately after death; or perhaps it will take place after the saints meet the Lord in the air, but before they return with Him to put an end to all the evil upon the earth. In either case, it is a judgment that awaits the Christian after death.

Matthew 25:31-40 describes another judgment in beautiful and vivid detail:

31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; 32. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.