The Five Judgments

These judgments all differ in five aspects:

1. Who is being judged: (2) Time; (3) Place; (4) Basis of judgment;

 (5) Result.

Before we begin let's talk about basis.

**Man was created to have a relationship with God.**

 **Gen 1:26**- Man was created in the Image of God to have a meaningful

 fellowship with Him and to exercise dominion over creation.

 (this means that fellowship with God is an essential and integral

 part of normal human existence. Without God, man is empty,

 unfulfilled and incomplete.)

 **Gen 2:17**- God commanded Adam not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge,

 and if he did, he would die.

 **Gen 3:19** –Adam sinned and consequently he would die. As a result

 his body would return to the earth of which it was created.

 **Ezekiel 18:4, 20 says** “the soul that sins would die.”

 Sin is anything contrary to God’s will. Adam went against God’s

 will and the result was he would have to pay the consequences.

 Why? Because God is Holy and can’t look on sin or have it in His

 presence.

**Isaiah 59:2 says** “But your iniquities have separated you from your

 God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so

 that He will not hear.”

Therefore, to have a relationship with God our sins must be paid for. Otherwise, we are doomed for eternity.

**Romans 6:23** “the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal

 life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**Gen 3:15**- God promised a Redeemer to allow us to come back into

 the presence of God and have a relationship with Him.

**Galatians 4: 4,5-** “when the time had fully come, God sent His Son,

 born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under

 law, that we might receive the full rights of sons”

**1 John 4:9,10-** says “This is how God showed His love for us, He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

However, it comes down to this, each individual has a choice. We can either accept Jesus as our personal Savior and have eternal life, or we can follow our own dictates. You would say, no one would be that foolish! Sorry, but there are millions, if not billions, who have made that very choice today.

Talk about love, we will never fully understand what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us, but through His death which was for us, He provided the means to once again have a relationship with God.

Now that we've seen the basis let's examine the judgments we see in the scriptures.

1. **Judgment of Sin.**

What is being judged? Sin

Time: 32 AD

Place: Calvary

Basis: Christ’s finished work at the crucifixion.

Result: Death of Christ and Justification to the Repentant Believer.

Rom 8:1- “therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are

 in Christ Jesus”

Rom 10:4-“Christ is the end of the law so that there may be

 righteousness for eve5ryone who believes”

(the penalty for sin for the believer was settled at the cross, but sins after receiving Christ as Savior must be judged **,(by the Believer)**, **and confessed and repented of as they occur**. If we are hesitant to

repent then the Lord will chasten us to repent. (When we judge our sins we confess them and repent.)

The believer is told to enjoy the sacrament of communion. In so doing we are told in **I Cor 11:27-33** to examine ourselves before we eat of the Bread and drink the Cup and not to drink it in an unworthy manner, (meaning in sin). This is a warning that chastisement will follow if taken in this slothful manner. It says sickness and even death could occur. So we should judge ourselves, (examine and confess any sins) , so that we will not be judged by the Lord.

1. **Believer’s Works**

Who is being judged? The Believer’s Works , (not sins).

Time: After the Church is raptured.

Place: The judgment seat of Christ , called the Bema Seat. ( 2nd Cor 5:10 and1 Cor 3: 11-15.

Basis: Works.

Result: Reward or Loss of Reward.

 (Bad works will be consumed by fire. Service that is done for recognition will not count in our eternal reward. Those who deserve a reward will be given a crown as well.)

There are five Crowns:

* 1. Martyr’s Crown , ( Crown of Life). James 1:12 “Blessed is the man that endures temptation for when he is tried he shall receive the Crown of Life which the Lord has promised to them that love Him.”
	2. Crown of Glory called the Elders Crown. 1 Peter 5: 2-4.
	3. Crown of Righteousness. For those who love His appearing

2 Tim 4;8, (living in good works).

* 1. Crown of Rejoicing, (Soul winner’s crown). 1 Thess 2: 19,20.
	2. Crown of Incorruptible ,(Victor’s Crown). Those who keep themselves from fleshly lusts . (sins of the flesh).
1. **Judgment of the Jewish People**
	1. Who is being judged ? The Jews
	2. Time: The Great tribulation.
	3. Place: Jerusalem and vicinity.
	4. Basis of Judgment: Rejection of the Jesus Christ at the cross.
	5. Result: Conversion and reception of Christ as their Messiah. 1/3 of the Jews will be saved Zech 13: 8-9; Romans 11: 26-27; Zeck 12:10-11.

(the Lord will use the antichrist and the nations of the world which will be supplemented by the Lord’s outpouring of judgments . ) (Rev 6-16)

1. **The Nations—Sheep and Goats—Mt. 25: 31-46.**
	1. Who is being judged ? Nations after the tribulation period.
	2. Time: Return of Jesus Christ to earth to gather His people the Jews and fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant. Luke 17: 26-37.
	3. Place: Throne of His Glory . Valley of Jehoshaphat ,Joel 3: 1-2.
	4. Basis: Treatment of the Jews. Gen 27:29-
	5. Result: Some nations will enter the Kingdom others will be destroyed (taken to judgment). Matt 25: 31-46.

 Some people confuse this judgment with the White Throne Judgment in

 Revelation 20: 11-15 saying they are the same. It's obvious they are not

 when we compare them .

 **Matt 25: 31-46** **Revelation 20: 11-15**

1. No Resurrection 1. A Resurrection.

2. Nations are Judged. 2. Dead Judged

3. On the Earth (Joel 3:2) . 3. Heaven and Earth Gone .

4. No Books mentioned. 4. Books are opened.

5. Three classes named, Sheep, 5. One class named- the dead.

 Goats and Brethren.

6. Time, before the millennium. 6. Time ,after the millennium.

 (These judgments are separated by 1000 years.)

The Christians will be involved in this judgment.( 1 Cor 6:2- Christians will judge the world. ( Both at and in the millennium).

**Who are they?**

Sheep are the nations who blessed the Jews during the tribulation period.

Goats are the nations who did not bless the Jews during the tribulation period.

Brethren are the Jews

1. **Great White Throne -- Rev 2- : 11-15**

Subjects: The wicked dead.

Time: takes place after the earth is destroyed by fire which has been kept until the judgment. ( 2nd Peter 3;7)

Basis: Sins of the unbeliever.

Result: Cast into Lake of Fire Rev 20: 11-15. -(takes place after the millennium period.)

(This judgment is called the ‘Second Death.’ Good people will have to spend eternity as ‘disembodied spirits’ for they will not receive a new body because they had not been ‘Born Again.’ Their names are not in the Book of Life and so they will be judged for their sins from the books which are opened and which contain them. Some will be sentenced to a more severe punishment than others but none will escape.) It will be the most horrific day of their lives.

Jude 6 tells us the angels that are held in chains will also be judged at this judgment. These are what the scriptures have alluded to in the books of Jude and Peter. They are angels that have crossed the line.

(see the book "Satan's Strategy Against The Lord Jesus Christ".)