

**SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRY SCHOOL
SESSION 46: JUDGMENTS PART 1**

In II Timothy 2: we are instructed to “rightly divide the word of truth” . This is most essential when studying the judgments. Do not endeavor to make all the judgments conform to the theory of one general judgment. The general judgment theory is the invention of religion, and is not taught in the Word of God. There ***are five separate judgments*** revealed in the Bible, and they differ as to time, place, and purpose. Yet they all have one thing in common: the Lord Jesus Christ is the judge (John 5:22)

Everyone, from Adam to the last man to be born on this earth will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ to be judged.

In the **first judgment**, the sins of the believers have already been judged in Christ on the cross.

In the **second judgment**, the believer is to judge self, or to be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ and be disciplined.

In the **third judgment**, all believers must appear at the “judgment seat of Christ” where their works are to be judged.

In the **fourth judgment**, all nations are to be judged at the Second Coming of Christ.

In the **fifth judgment**, the wicked dead are to be judged at the great white throne.

1. Judgment 1 – the Judgment of the Believer’s sins

In John 5:24, our Lord tells us that the believer “cometh not into condemnation (judgment). The word condemnation is the same word rendered judgment (Matt. 10:15). Our sins were judged in Christ on Calvary, and every believer hath passed out of death into life. This is present salvation. Christ paid for our sins. He was judged in the believer’s stead. The believer will not come into judgment because:

A. Jesus Christ paid the penalty, and on the grounds of his substitutional death, the believer is separated from his sins forever (Psalm 103:12)

B. The sins of the believer have been “blotted out” and God has promised that He will not remember thy sins (Isaiah 43:25).

C. Our Lord suffered for our sins, “the just for the unjust” that we might be saved and never come into judgment as sinners (I Peter 3:18).

D. The believer will never be condemned with the world, because Christ was condemned in our place. “He was made to be sin for us” (II Cor. 5:21). Christ was made a curse for us on the cross, and “hath redeemed us from the curse of the law” (Gal. 3:13). “He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Heb. 9:26). The believer will not come into judgment because his sins have been purged. (Heb. 1:3)

2. JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVER’S SELF

The judgment of the believer’s self is more than judging things in the believer’s life. When the believer judges self, the good and the bad in his life come to light, and he will confess the bad (I John 1:9), and forsake it (Isaiah 55:7). However, it is not enough just to judge sin in the believer; **he must judge self.**

Turn to: I Corinthians 11:31

FOR IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED

A. To judge self is to practice self-abnegation, (to give up or renounce something), for when the believer sees self as God sees him, he will renounce self. It is replacing the self-life with the Christ-life. (Col. 3:4). **Christ is the believer’s life.**

B. To judge self is to deny self. This is more than self-denial. Self-denial is denying one’s self of the gratifications of the flesh. If we practice self-denial only, it is treating the symptom and not the cause. But, when we deny self, we are attacking the cause, for in self (that is, the flesh) “dwelleth no good thing” (Rom. 7:18). **To deny self is to take up our cross and follow Christ (Mark 8:34-38).**

C. To judge self is to **lose the self-life**, and find the Christ-life (Gal. 2:20)

D. To judge self is to **no longer be self-conscious**, but becoming Christ-conscious (Matt. 28:20).

E. To judge self is to no longer be self-controlled, but to become **Christ-controlled** (Acts 9:6).

F. To judge self is to **no longer practice self-esteem**, but to esteem others more highly than ourselves (Phil. 2:3).

To judge self is to become selfless.