

The Three Eternal Destinies #68A Just and Righteous God

There are three places that human beings will spend Eternity (Rev 22:11). Which one will you choose? (Rev 21:27; 21:24,8; 22:11,2; 20:14-15; Jn 5:24,29). The word *still* in Rev 22:11 is speaking of eternity (an unending, permanent state of being). In Greek (#2089) it means to continue without letting up; to remain (as guilt remains without expiation; Rev 14:10-11, 19:2-3; Mt 25:41,46; Jn 9:41; Num 15:31). Rev 22:5 says "forever and ever" (i.e., unending) as in Rev 20:10; Mt 25:41,46; Rev 19:3,20; 20:14; 21:8. All are references pertaining to the unending states for eternity.

Understand Rev 21:27, for it says *nothing* impure (or one who does what is shameful or deceitful), nothing that defiles, profanes, remains unclean, commits abomination — being detestable (morally repugnant things) or anyone who practices falsehood (lying) shall ever come into the Holy City.

Book of Life

There has been some confusion in the past between Rev 13:8 and 17:8 because it does not mention specifically in 17:8, "the Book of Life of the Lamb." Rev 17:8 seems to have left out "of the Lamb," but both scriptural contexts refer to "the Beast." Obviously, there was no need to mention "of the Lamb" again since both Rev 13:3-8 and Rev 17:7-8 covered the same topic and even use identical terminology in both verses. The *Book of Life* in Rev 20:12,15 are the *names* of all the people in the world (nations), but if anyone transfers out of the world and *into* the Kingdom of God his or her name is recorded in the *Lamb's Book of Life* (Rev 21:27). If they overcome in this life (in the Body of Messiah) their names will not be taken (i.e., erased) out of the Book of Life which records all believers' names who will *inherit the Kingdom* in the next age to rule with Messiah for 1,000 years and will not be hurt by the second death for believers (Rev 2:11; 3:5; Dan 12:1).

Rev 13:3,8; 17:8 — The inhabitants of the earth will be the ones who are astonished, but *won't be astonished* whose names are in the Book of Life (of the Lamb) who have been chosen before foundation of the world (Eph 1:4). The woman (Rev 12) at this time is on earth, but in the wilderness. All the names of the inhabitants of the earth will be in the Book of life, unless they have been *erased* sometime before or directly after the judgment. Those who have **heard** the gospel, yet have **rejected** it, *will have been judged already* (like the Beast and false prophet) and will have been *taken out from this judgment* and cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev 19:20; Jn 3:18). Those in the nations who are resurrected will be judged according to their conscience (Rom 2:14-15), their deeds reflecting the decisions they have made in life. This judgment is not based on "believing in Jesus or not" as Christianity teaches.

The Judgment (Tree of Life)

1 Cor 6:2 — **The need for such judgment** is acknowledged in Rev 20:11-15, then a verdict is reached after due consideration of all the facts involved. So what are the facts? They are recorded "in the books." The *Tree of Life* (which was shielded from Adam and Eve after they fell, Gen 3:22-24) is the *second life* granted to all those who have lived according to the agreement God made with them (Gen 2:17; 3:16-19). The *judgment* (Rev 20:11-15) would determine whether or not they (the nations) could partake of the Tree of Life; *healing* (or salvation) could not be granted to the nations until then (Rev 22:2).

So we see those who are Messiah's (who *partake of Him*, His essence, bearing fruit) and the *Righteous Nations* who partake of the Tree of Life in its "*healing medicine*" (its leaves). There is a difference in quality of life, although **both are eternal**.

Rev 20:12-13 — They are judged either worthy of eternal life or eternal death — the second life or the second death (Rev 21:8). The word *judge* (#2919) means to *distinguish*. The Judgment is needed to *distinguish* between those who are *unworthy* and cast into the second death (where Satan and his angels are, Rev 20:10; Mt 21:41), from those whose names were *not taken* out of the Book of Life and are therefore worthy of a second life in the eternal nations. So after the judgment, the Book of Life was opened (Rev 20:12,15) and the final verdict of their eternal destiny was disclosed.

All Men Die Once

There are *only* three places where men will spend eternity. Do you know without hesitation where you will go when your time comes? But first there is a judgment. The judgment to come, determines your destiny, based on what you do now in this age (Pr 10:9).

Heb 9:27 — says every person is *appointed* to die *once* and **after this** comes *judgment*. This judgment will then determine a persons *ultimate, unending, eternal destiny*. All mankind (every human being) must die **once** (one time) and *after this* comes the last judgment. This final judgment determines whether or not a person faces a **second death**, which is eternal, called the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:14; 21:8) or a second life which is eternal called *the Nations* (Rev 21:24-26; 22:2). Heb 9:27 — The word **once** (#530, Greek NT) means "one time" and then **all** (every single human being who was in Death and Hades) was resurrected to appear at this last Judgment before God (Rev 20:11; Ecc 12:14).

The Nations (Redeemable and Unredeemable Sins)

After men die and their life on earth comes to an end, they spend the rest of this age (before Messiah returns) and the 1,000 years of the next age in Death paying for the sins that *could be paid for* by their own death (Rom 6:23). After the Sabbath or Messianic age comes to its completion, everyone in Death will be resurrected to stand trial before God (to be judged by the things they did — either good or evil). If the evil deeds they did *were not redeemable* by their *own death* (the kind of sins that could not be *justified* by their own death) then they would be cast into the "Lake of Fire" which is the second death (Rev 20:14,15; 21:8). While on the other hand, if the sins they committed *were redeemable* by their *own death* (the kind of sins that could be paid for by their own death) then they will be granted a second life in *the Nations*.

The kind of sins that **are redeemable** are those which *have not lead others astray from a good conscience*. They do not progress from **bad to worse**— causing others to *stumble*. They were not a pervert who led others astray (as all perverts do).

The Boundaries of Conscience

Perverts are all those who *live outside the boundaries of conscience*, as Rom 1:18 - 2:16; Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7 says. These are the ones who deceive and are being deceived. They are like *unreasoning animals* driven by all sorts of *sensual conduct* and *inordinate* desires, *indulging* in the flesh with no sense of shame or regret. They are arrogant, vain, fleshly and self-willed, with hearts trained in greed. They exploit (take advantage of) others in their deception and even boast in their wickedness and deceit. They are unfaithful, unjust, dishonest and they cannot cease from sin; while promising freedom to others they themselves are slaves of corruption. With evil intent they entice the unstable and weak-willed, causing them to be led astray as they are themselves.

These kind of perverse, *unredeemable* sins extend the *Death Sentence* (which a person has already experienced for at least 1,000 years) on to another unending, eternal **Second Death**.

A Way of Escape

The Second Death (Rev 21:8) is a place for those who, like all perverts, "entice people who are barely escaping themselves, from those who live in error." God made it possible that man *could escape from the second death*, although first, all men must *die once* for their sin. It is an *appointment* from which no one can escape. But if they have *escaped* from the *enticements* of those who *do live in error*, who *live outside the boundaries of conscience*, as Rom 2:15-16 says, then they will die **only once to pay for their sins and then be resurrected to stand judgment (to be judged according to natural law, Rom 2:14-16, Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Rom 1:18-20).**

Then as Rev 20:14-15 says, if their names are found in the Book of Life, they will go on to their second life, which is eternal among the nations who will first inhabit the earth, then the whole universe (Rev 21:24,26; 22:2).

Rom 2:15 says that a man's conscience is amazing and will either *accuse* him or *excuse* him when he stands in Judgment on that day.

Rev 21:11 Speaks of Three Places in Eternity

The Unrighteous or Unjust and the **Filthy** will *never* be redeemed, but will **continue in that state**

forever and ever, as 2 Pet 2:20-22 says. They will be in the Second Death where the filthy (dogs) and unjust (deceivers) are, according to Rev 22:15. The **dogs** represent the filthy-like people and the unjust-like people. These are the deceivers, liars, politicians, judges, lawyers, white collar crooks who make a **living** by unjust means.

The **Righteous** of the Nations who did live by their conscience will inherit the *Nations* (which are saved from the Second Death, as it says in Mt 25:34).

Then there are those who make up the Holy City who heard the voice of the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:14,27-29; 1 Pet 2:24-25). Those who are **Holy**, as 1 Pet 1:15-16 says, shall be in the Holy City to be the *light to these nations* "forever and ever" (Rev 21:24; 22:2; 1 Pet 1:17-23; Heb 12:10). This is the "New Jerusalem" (Rev 21:9,12), the Bride of the Lamb (the 12 Tribes of Israel). If anyone was *baptized* into Messiah on earth, by the Holy Spirit, then he will be a part of the Holy City — "The New Jerusalem."

A Just and Righteous God

I hope you can understand. Not all have heard of the true Gospel. All they have ever heard is a false gospel from a false religion called the church or possibly they never even were corrupted by it, but lived within the boundaries of the Second Covenant (agreement) in Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 for the world. That is why in Rev 20:11-15 and Rom 2:14-16 there is a need for judgment which *determines* a person's eternal destiny. *Judgment* entails a decision based on the works or deeds one did.

I am thankful we do not worship an **unjust God** who judges *indiscriminately* (as Christianity presents), who had given man a way in which to live, as Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 and Rom 1:18 - 2:16 speak of and then after they tried to live according to their conscience this **Mad God** cast them into the Lake of Fire anyway. Do you serve this kind of a God or One who is Just and Righteous and full of love and compassion?

The wages of sin is Death, but after one has paid for these kind of sins that can be paid for (by ones own death), then he will be able to live. For *all* have sinned and fallen short of His Glory.

The Three Categories of Man are:

Unjust and Filthy (no redemption could be paid by their own death);

The Righteous and Just (redeemed by their own death);

The Holy (redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb).

The reason the first group had no hope is because of what Rom 1:27-32 says and also Rom 2:5,6; Ps 62:12; Rev 22:12; Jer 17:10; Isa 40:10; Rev 22:7; Pr 17:4. They were deceived and went about deceiving others (2 Tim 3:13). All liars who lead others astray (deceive), make it clear that Satan is their Father (Rev 20:3; 21:8, 22:15; Jn 8:44).

But Jn 3:18 says that if ever anyone hears and then *refuses* to believe in Messiah, he is judged *already* and will not have to be judged at the regular judgment of all who have never heard the gospel (all over the world — from creation until now or the end of this age). Jn 5:24-25 is speaking of the Holy City, but Jn 5:28-29 is speaking of the nations who will be worthy of eternal life in the nations *due to their deeds* (Rev 20:12-13).

Out of Eternal Death and Into Eternal Life (POSTER)

DO YOU KNOW whether you have passed out of death and into life —out of eternal death and into eternal life? If you say "yes" then what do you base it on? If you say the **Word of God** — where in the Word can you know for certain? That you have passed out of death and into life? (Jn 5:24). Remember that James said in Jms 2:19 that the *demons* also believe and shudder. But John, the Apostle of the Messiah said, the way we know is by a **big "IF"** — 1 Jn 3:14. This kind of love is described in verse 16. The love that lays down its life for one another is in the Body of Messiah (the Community of the redeemed) in doing the good deeds we were saved to do (to build up the Body; Eph 2:10). The Body (the Church) is the "one another" which we give (Heb 3:13 each day or "daily") *day-to-day care* and concern to, like it speaks of in 1 Jn 3:17-24.

We know we have passed out of death and into life (eternal) **because** we love one another as He *commande d*us (Jn 13:34-35; 1 Jn 3:23; verses 14-18). **Does your heart condemn you?** When you read this

Poster and you said, "Yes, I know I have passed out of death and into life" — did your heart condemn you? (verses 19-21). Are you a callused liar? (Rev 21:8, 1 Jn 2:4,15; Rom 5:5; Jms 4:4).

His *commandment* is to love one another and not be **stained** by **the World** (James 1:27; 1 Tim 6:14). *So if you are not **keeping His commandment***, but you say that you know Him and that you know that you have passed out of death and into life, then you are a liar and the Truth is not in you. So why doesn't your heart condemn you, because it will through out **eternity** — that is, if you don't repent and *become* a true believer as Acts 2:44-45 says. This is what proves your love for one another (Jn 9:41).

What All Believers Know

1 Jn 3:14,16,23,24 — *Thø*proving ground is the Community (Jn 15:8). So if you are not sure that you have passed out of death and into life then you do not **know it**.

To *know* means: *without **hesitation or doubt*** — *doubt is not faith* The only way one can know he believes in Messiah is if he is in a *place* where he **can love** (lay down his life) **on a daily basis** his brothers and sisters. If you are **living** as all believers live and **doing** what all believers do, then you are together as they were in the first Church and have *all things in common*.

Acts 2:44-45 is the **only way** the Church **can be** and still be the Church, because its the **only way believers can be** and be *believers* and know that they have passed out of death and into life. **Do you know?** Do you want to know? Don't you want to know?

Don't ask your Pastor (Jn 10:12-13) or he will *justify your **lack of love*** and discount Messiah's Words to his own destruction, as well as your own (2 Cor 11:15). So don't resort to great complexities of reasoning to **justify** your **hatred** of the Cross of Messiah.