

The Three Eternal Destinies #18 *The Reprobate* (Rom 1:28)

There are three categories of mankind which have three eternal destinies (Rev 22:11), but there are *two classifications* for those who are equally guilty and worthy of the Second Death (Rev 21:8; 22:15).

The *Righteous* are those who stayed within the boundaries of the *Everlasting Gospel* (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7). This gospel is the Second Covenant which pertains to the conscience (the knowledge of good and evil). Good news is what the *creation* and your *conscience* "preaches" (Rom 1:19-21).

There are Three Categories of Man. These three eternal destinies of man are classified and categorized in Rev 22:11. The first two categories are of the *Nations*. The third is the *Redeemed of Yahweh*.

a. The *Unjust* and *Filthy* of the nations are *two classes of people* who are equally worthy of the Second Death: a) "the unjust" and b) "the filthy" of the nations.

b. The *Righteous* of the nations are those who never *became* unjust or filthy, but maintained a good conscience according to the Second Covenant. The Second Category has only one classification, which is the *Righteous* of the nations.

c. The *Holy* are the Redeemed of Yahweh. The Third Category is in a separate (holy, set apart; 1 Pet 3:21) class all by themselves. They have been redeemed from the nations and are the *Holy ones*, those whom God now makes His Dwelling Place.

Rev 21:7 — If a man has *not become depraved* (past feeling the pangs of conscience) and is able to hear the voice of God through the Gospel, he can also *become* one of the *Holy Ones* (Jude 14) in Rev 22:11. Even if he has strayed from the path of conscience (the boundaries of the Second Covenant, Jude 14-16; 1 Ths 3:13) he can still be retrieved from the Second Death through the good news of salvation in Messiah Yahshua.

The *righteous* ones in Rev 22:11 are not the *Holy* ones. In the same way, neither are the *unjust* or *filthy* in the same category as the *righteous* ones, but these are *three distinct categories* which constitute "*The Three Eternal Destinies of Man.*"

Giving Up Righteousness

Reprobate (KJV) — **Depraved** (NAS) Rom 1:28 — means: *no longer soft, pliable or receptive to the good news* (Rom 1:24,26,28). God *gave them over* because they did not see *fit to acknowledge God any longer*. "Any longer" — meaning the ability to maintain their righteous state (which they were born with) was *given up* and as a result they *became* filthy. They *gave up* the righteousness that was *inherent* in them (verse 19), because they were made in God's image, therefore they had the ability to live according to the intrinsic knowledge of right and wrong in their conscience (Gen 3:22). But they became filthy (verse 25). They gave up the *truth of God* (the covenant of conscience) for a *lie*. *Became* indicates a *transition* (Rom 1:21). They *became* futile in their reasoning, and their foolish heart was *darkened*. They were given over to corruption. Verse 21 — Professing to be wise, they became fools. Whatever is left of filthiness (unrighteousness) is experientially worked out in us within His Body on earth. Through Messiah we received a *positional* holiness, but through the Spirit in the Body, we receive an *experiential* holiness (Jms 1:14-21; 2 Ths 2:13-14).

The *Righteous* of the nations, which Rom 2:7 refers to, never *become* like the *Unjust* or *Filthy* which are mentioned in verse 8. Rom 2:8 speaks of the *Unjust* and *Filthy* of the nations. Rom 2:9 and 10 explain the difference between the *Righteous*, the *Unjust* and *Filthy* of the nations. The *Unjust* and *Filthy* are alike. They both do "evil" as Rom 2:9 points out. Rom 1:24 speaks of those who are turned over to sexual uncleanness or filthiness, degrading their bodies with one another, so that they *become* as Rev 22:15 says — like dogs. Dogs are filthy.

The *Filthy* in Rom 1:24-28 & 29-32 are also *unjust* in all their ways: white collar crooks, dishonest people who take advantage of others for their own selfish ambition, unjust judges, lawyers, politicians, policemen and business men, etc. God gave them over as Rom 1:24,26,28 says, even to do *unjust*

deeds to the point of no return. They are irretrievable. Their outrageous conduct was not due to ignorance of what God required of them, but due to self-will and rebellion. The sin of applauding, instead of regretting these kind of sins, place them in the **same category**. The *Filthy* and *Unjust* are treated alike, in that they are both guilty and deserving of the Second Death. They are two classifications of people, but are in the same category and will be judged accordingly.

Fallen From Glory

Rom 1:32 — The deep-seated nature of sin is seen in the fact that even the most hardened sinners still know in their hearts that their actions are deserving of death. Nevertheless, they go on sinning and even drag others down with them when they approve of those who do the same things (Rom 2:4,5,6).

Even though all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, some are not degraded past the point of no return. All men can be saved if they have not degraded themselves past this point. Rev 21:7 — They can "overcome" what is necessary to receive the gospel and be forgiven of the sins in verse 8 that would have taken them to the Second Death.

Even the *Righteous* of Rev 22:11 will not have to die once if they also received the good news of Salvation (Heb 9:27). For all men, the Unjust, the Filthy, and the Righteous of the nations must die once and then the Judgment (Rev 20:11-15) to determine their *unalterable* destiny.