

The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith
Chapter 32 – The Last Judgment – #1

JUDGMENT, not judgments... It is a day of judgment – Matthew 11:22-24... 12:36,41-42... Acts 24:25... Romans 2:3,5... 2 Peter 2:9... 1 Jn 4:17... Jude 1:6.

The Scriptures make a connection between the Second Coming of Christ and the Day of Judgment – Psalm 96:13 ... Jude 14-15... 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10... 2 Peter 3:7,10-14

Paragraph #1 – Facts and Realities of the Last Judgment

Paragraph 1 – *‘GOD has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom the Father has given all authority and power to judge. At that day the apostate angels will be judged. So too will all persons who have lived upon the earth; they will appear before Christ’s judgment throne to give an account of their thoughts, words and deeds, and to receive His award in accordance with what they have done in this earthly life, whether good or evil.* – Eccles. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; 25:32-46; John 5:22,27; Acts 17:31; Rom. 14:10,12; 1 Cor. 6:3; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jude 6.

1st – The Facts about the Judgment

(1st) A Day Appointed By God – Acts 17:31... Hebrews 9:27

(2nd) The Judge – John 5:22, 27-30

(3rd) The Judged – Matthew 25:31-46... Romans 2:3-10... Revelation 20:11-15... 1 Corinthians 6:1-3

2nd – Realities about the Judgment

(1st) Thorough Accounting – 2 Corinthians 5:8-11.

(2nd) Appropriate Rewarding – Romans 2:5-16... Revelation 20:11-15

Paragraph #2 – God’s Purpose for Judgment

Paragraph 2 – *God’s purpose in appointing a day of judgment is to make known the glory of His mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect, and the glory of His justice in the eternal damnation of the reprobate, that is to say, the wicked and disobedient. In that day the righteous will inherit everlasting life, and receive a fullness of joy and glory in the Lord’s presence as their eternal reward. But the wicked, who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, will be relegated to everlasting torments and ‘punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power’. – Matt. 25:21,34,46; Mark 9:48; Rom. 9:22,23; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Tim. 4:8.*

1st – THE EXPRESS PURPOSE – Romans 11:33-36... Isaiah 5:16

J.L. Dagg, - *‘The general judgment will publicly and impressively vindicate the ways of God, in the view of all intelligent beings. The mysteries of the divine administration will then be fully unfolded; the wisdom and righteousness of all God’s dispensations will then be made apparent; the justice of the sentences then pronounced will be rendered perfectly clear... it is for the glory of God, that His perfections should thus be displayed, in the view of His intelligent creatures; and the remembrance of this great day will constitute an important element in the happiness or misery to which each individual will be adjudged... This will be the day of Christ, the day when every knee shall bow to Him, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.’ - Manual of Theology (p.351)*

(1st) God’s Justice – Psalm 9:4-8,15-17 ... Genesis 18:25... Job 21:30... Romans 9:13-22

(2nd) God’s Mercy – Romans 9:23-26... Psalm 103:8-11

2nd – THE FINAL RESULT

(1st) For the Righteous – Matthew 25:31-40

(2nd) For the Wicked – Matthew 25:41-46