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**"Confidence on Judgment Day"
(1Jn 4:15-21)**

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2 **Overview of our passage**

Theme: Confidence on Judgment Day

☞ 1Jn 4:15-21

Doctrine: Our confession as to who Jesus is will be rewarded and God's love perfected in us so that we may have confidence on judgment day.

Application: We are to live in confidence and full assurance of our standing before God and demonstrate our love to God by loving Him and one another.

3 **Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:15-21 (NASB)

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

4 **Exposit: 1Jn 4:17**

17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

☞ "By this" is referring to our confession that Jesus is Son of God

☞ 'perfected' is 'teleioō' which means is accomplished

☞ The fact that we're in agreement and in unity with the Person and Deity of Jesus is proof that God's love is in our hearts

☞ We are a branch grafted into the Vine

☞ God's love is accomplished when we are in full agreement and are unified with the Person and work of the Son of God

☞ "so that we may have confidence" [more on this]

☞ "in the day of judgment" [more on this]

☞ "because as He is, so also are we in this world" [more on this]

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5 **"so that we may have confidence"**

☞ Since God chose to love and save us and reveal Jesus to us, we are to be confident in His elective purposes

☞ The writer of Hebrews touches on this in:

Hebrews 10:35-39

35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. (then quotes Hab 2)

37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,

HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

6 **“so that we may have confidence”**

☞ When Jesus comes to receive us to Himself:

☞ The Righteous who live by faith will be received

☞ The Unrighteous who do not live by or lack faith will shrink back and not be received

☞ These God is not pleased and will judge their sin accordingly

☞ TRUTH:

☞ God commands us to have full assurance of faith (full confidence in our salvation in Christ).

☞ Those who lack full assurance of faith (do not live by faith in Christ), will not only lack confidence, but his sin will be dealt with accordingly!

Hebrews 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

7 **“in the day of judgment”**

☞ God saved us so we can have full confidence “in the day of judgment”

☞ ‘judgment’ is ‘krisis’ where we get our English word ‘crisis’

☞ Crisis means a time of intense difficulty, trouble, danger;

☞ Crisis can also mean an appointed time of an important decision

☞ This crisis judgment applies to unbelievers only

☞ In context, since believers won’t be judged for sin on that crisis day appointed by God, we can and are to have full confidence!

☞ From here I’d like to discuss at a high level the distinct judgments between unbelievers and believers

8 **“in the day of judgment” (Unbelievers)**

☞ Let’s look at a few examples in Scripture concerning what unbelievers will face on judgment day

Romans 2:12-16 (context is Paul is making the case that Jews are under sin too)

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; 13 for it is not the hearers of the

Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on *the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the **secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

☞ "the day" is referring to the day of judgment (krisis)

☞ "secrets of men" is referring those who remain in sin (with or without the Law)

☞ "judge" is "krinō" and is generally used to refer to judging or ruling on a matter

☞ It can also describe someone suing someone

☞ The take away in this passage, is God will judge the secrets of unbelievers

☞ God will sue unbelievers for their sins and justice will prevail!

9 "in the day of judgment" (Unbelievers)

Romans 3:5-8

(Paul after discussing advantages of being a Jew by having the oracles of God)

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say?

The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) 6

May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie the

truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? 8 And

why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.

☞ "why am I also still being judged as a sinner" and "their condemnation is just" applies to Jews who agree with God's Law, but rely on works

☞ God will inflict wrath on unbelievers

☞ In doing so, will uphold and magnify His righteousness

☞ The take away in this passage is God will judge the world in righteousness

☞ "the world" again generally is referring to unbelievers

10 "in the day of judgment" (Unbelievers)

Acts 17:30-31 (Paul on Mars Hill addressing the men of Athens)

30 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because He (the Father) has fixed a day in which He (the Son) will judge the world in righteousness through a Man (Jesus) whom He (the Father) has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him (Jesus) from the dead."

☞ "fixed a day" referring to the day of judgment (krisis)

☞ "the world" generally refers to non believers (sinners)

☞ Those who dwell in the world or earth dwellers

☞ Take away from this passage is believers who do not repent and believe in the Jesus who is both Judge and Savior, will be judged by Jesus as Judge come judgment day

☞ Day of crisis for them

11 **“in the day of judgment”
(Unbelievers)**

- ☞ High Level summary of unbelievers Judgment
 - ☞ Will be judged for every sin
 - ☞ Including secrets hidden in their hearts
 - ☞ God will “sue” them for their sin and for violating His holy commandments and justice will prevail
 - ☞ Whether it be those with the Law (Jews) or
 - ☞ Law written in their hearts (Gentiles)
 - ☞ God will inflict wrath on sinners and judge the world in righteousness
 - ☞ Yes, this same and loving God will also punish sinners
 - ☞ Judgment day will be a day of crisis for them and there is no escape
 - ☞ God’s holiness will be on full display and glorified