



# The Quarry Gospel Church

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## **BIBLE STUDY - JESUS CHRIST: 12.HIS WRATH**

Christ carries out the purposes of God in both Salvation and Judgment.

The Scriptures are clear about God and Christ's love AND about God & Christ's judgment.

### ***Revelation 19:11-16***

The Rider sitting on the white horse, "*who will execute judgment on men*" (v15) is CHRIST. He is given various titles which we see in other Scriptures:

*v11 - Faithful and True - Rev.1:5; 3:14; John 18:37.*

*v13 - The Word of God - John 1:1-3,14*

*v16 - The King of Kings and Lord of Lords - 1Timothy 6:13-14; Rev.17:14.*

The description of the eyes and tongue - like that of *Rev.Ch.1* - No doubt that the Rider on the white horse is Christ.

The Wrath of Christ as described in Scripture:

## **1. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THE WRATH OF GOD LIKE THE SON OF GOD**

- Jesus suffered the wrath of God on the cross - and bore it willingly. As believers, we wear the garments of Christ - His righteousness and the justification He gives, because we are 'in Christ'. 'IN CHRIST' we will never be subjected to the wrath of God - the fires of hell.
- N.B. - Most people we know are not clothed with Christ's garments - only a few will find the road to life (*Matt.7:13-14*). So many will face the fires of hell. Christ will execute the wrath of God upon the ungodly.

## **2. CHRIST - THE AGENT OF JUDGMENT**

Christ is the means by which God judges man and pours out His wrath.

Old Testament - "The Angel of the Lord" executes judgment:

**1 Chron.21:16-17** - David has sinned, counting His army, but God relents from carrying out His judgment on David. David identifies the "Angel of the Lord" as being God Himself.

Other examples in Scripture of "The Angel of the Lord":

- *Genesis 16:10,13* - The Angel of the Lord speaks to Hagar.
- *Genesis 22:11-15* - The Angel of the Lord refers to Himself as the Lord.
- *Exodus 3:2* - in the burning bush "The Angel of the Lord" appeared to Moses giving Himself the title "I am who I am".
- *Exodus 22:13-14,19-20* - "The Angel of God" - fought for Israel.

Other examples include Joshua meeting the Angel of the Lord outside Jericho.

**"The Angel of the Lord" - is the appearing of "God the Son" (Theophany; or Christophany) - a pre-incarnation appearance of the Son of God.**

When judgment came directly from God, it was usually the Son of God who executed wrath upon the ungodly and sometimes even on God's people.

*Jude 5,7* - talks of "The Lord" executing judgment - clearly refers to Jesus.

It was Jesus who saved His people out of Egypt, and yet He also judged them in the wilderness.

Those who have no faith will face this wrath - this terrible judgment - it is not a popular message, but it is in Scripture and cannot be ignored.

It should lead us to having a desire to see "the lost" saved from this awful day.

### **3. CHRIST WANTED PEOPLE TO CHOOSE "LIFE"**

It was because of the terrors of Judgment that Christ preached about Hell.

*John 3:17-18* - Jesus did not come to condemn, but to save.

Nearly 13% of His teaching focused on Hell/Judgment (*Matt 5:22; 5:29; 7:19; 8:11*)

He was concerned to speak to men and women about the Judgment awaiting those who rejected Him, because He knew the reality of Hell.

We, like Jesus, should have a desire to prevent people from going to a lost eternity.

- Quote from Spurgeon:

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

If we believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we must believe that unrepentant sinners will spend an eternity in the "outer darkness". If Hell does not exist - what was the point of Jesus dying on a cross?

### **4. THE ROLE CHRIST PLAYS IN THE JUDGMENT**

His role .. The Judge, appointed by God - *John 5:27; Acts 10:42*

He, the Faithful Witness, has received authority to bless and to curse, to save and to destroy, to love and to hate.

On the day of Judgment, the Judge will be visible and so will the judgment He gives:

### **On the day of Judgment...**

#### **A) Christ will be a terror:**

- to those who despise God's Kingdom (*Luke 19*)
- to those who refuse God's grace (*Psalm 81*)
- to those who spurn God's benefits (*Hebrews 2*)
- to those who turn God's grace into wantonness (*Jude 4*)
- To those who do not abide in Him (*John 15*)

#### **B) Christ will be a comfort:**

- to those who have believed (*John 11*)
- to those who have loved Him (*Eph.6*)
- to those who have warred against His enemies (*Rev.3*)
- to those who have obeyed His command (*1 John*)

..because He is their friend, brother and High Priest.

Jesus will comfort us BECAUSE He is a righteous Judge - His judgment will be PERFECT.

We see a description of this Judgment in *Revelation 20:12-15*

### **CHRIST IS A SAVIOUR AND A JUDGE**

**The God who sent His Son to be our Saviour is sending Him to be our Judge**