

Signs of Christ's Coming—Judgment of the Nations, part 15

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 25:

B. The message of judgment is all over the Bible. (Psalm 15; 1:5)

1. The Old Testament has to do with temporal judgment.

2. The New Testament has to do with eternal judgment primarily.

C. Love warns

II. When the second coming occurs, judgment will take place immediately.

III. The judgment will occur through the separation of the redeemed and the unredeemed.

A. The righteous are put on the right hand.

B. The source of their salvation is sovereign grace. They are born into the family of God by faith. (Romans 8)

C. Their salvation is select. (1 Peter 1:3)

IV. The mark of salvation is always manifest righteousness, particularly love.

A. The righteous met the needs of Jesus.

B. Whatever we do to meet the needs of believers, we do to Jesus. (1 Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 15; 10:40)

C. The monumental successes do not prove salvation--it is the day to day routine acts of love. (Romans 2, 2 Peter 1, 1 John 3:15-16)

D. Christ identifies with the least of the believers. The "least" need the most help.

E. People are judged by what they do not do. People do not believe in Jesus Christ resulting in their judgment. (Zechariah 14:9)

Application Questions:

1. What does it mean that salvation is "select?" Explain.

2. What are you doing to love those in the church in order to show Jesus your love? What can you do?

3. How can we challenge others in the church to love each other in a loving way?
