

Toward a Theology of God's Universal Judgment: A Celebration of the Cross
Seven Phases of Divine Judging Activity
 (An Overview of a Theocentric-Christocentric Approach)

	I. Pre-Eschatological Judgment	II. Eschatological Judgments					
		Post-Cross Judgments					
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Key Biblical References:	Gen 3 Gen 4 Gen 6-9 Gen 11-12 Gen 19; etc. Exod 7-12 Exod 13-14; etc.	John 12:31-32 Isa 53:3-8 Dan 9:24-27 John 16:11 Rom 8:3 Rev 13:8 Rev 12:7-12 Eph 1:4 1 Pet 1:20	John 5:22-24 Isa 53:11-12 Dan 11:33-35; 12:3 John 3:16-18, 36 John 14:6; 16:8-11 Rom 5:1-2; 8:1-4 Rom 8:31-39 Eph 2:4-10 1 John 2:28; 4:17	Dan 7-8 Rev 14:7 Rev 19:2 Matt 22:1-14	Rev 19:17-21 Matt 25:31-46 John 5:28-29 1 Cor 4:4-5 Dan 12:2, 13	Rev 20:4-6 1 Cor 6:2-3 Matt 19:28	Rev 20:7-15 John 12:48 Acts 17:31
Content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preliminary •Typological •Mini-judgments •Educational •Positive-Negative •Salvation-Condemnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Crucial •Pivotal •Central •Cosmic in Scope •Objective •Positive-Negative •Salvation-Condemnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Decisive •Personal/Private •Response to the preaching of the Gospel •Occurs when humans are justified (forgiven) •Positive-Negative •Salvation-Condemnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Affirmative •Confirmatory •Revelatory •Evaluative •Investigative (only for angels) •Public •Positive-Negative •Salvation-Condemnation (the Antichrist Judged) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consummation of biblical hope •Redemption of all true believers in God •Condemnation and execution of the living wicked •Positive-Negative •Salvation-Condemnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Confirmatory •Revelatory •Endorses God's previous decisions •Negative •Condemnation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Condemnation •Executive •Annihilative •Negative
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	<p>Pre-Cross Judgments Post-Cross Judgments Relationship Merits & Relationship Affirmed to Universe</p> <p>Rev 13:8 Eph 1:4 1 Pet 1:20</p> <p>Christ's Merits</p>				<p>Executive Judgment (in Three Stages)</p> <p>Humans cannot influence the results or change the final outcome.</p> <p>Decisions were made during lifetime and then affirmed at the pre-advent judgment!</p> <p>God deals with issues of salvation or condemnation objectively, publicly, and openly.</p>		
Direct Beneficiaries: (For the Sake of) Further Description:	Survivors	Whole universe, including humanity	Individual human persons	Whole universe (angels)	Redeemed people	Redeemed people	Whole Universe, including redeemed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Usually mixed with mercy •Sometimes executive •Lesson for survival •Redemptive and punitive •God's surgical action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •God's triumphant victory over Satan, evil, sin •God is judged and vindicated: He is the God of love, justice, truth, freedom, and order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •God justifies sinners •God declares sinner right (eschatological judgment breaks into the life of the believer) •You are what you will be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Revelation of God's grace and power (rather than display of our sins); demonstration of how He worked <i>for</i> us and <i>in</i> and <i>through</i> us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Resurrection of dead in Christ •Consummation of hope of all hopes •Jesus Christ with rewards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •God wants all the redeemed to be happy throughout eternity •Revelation of God's love and Justice while not forgiving those who rejected His saving grave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All intelligent beings in the universe will serve God gratefully out of love and gratitude because they know goodness of God

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Further Description Con't:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wall against the avalanche of evil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •God passed judgment upon sin and Satan •The whole world and all humanity judged •God's revelation—Who He is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Decisions made for or against God •After death nothing can be changed (sealed; no second chance) •Real issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –What do I do with Jesus? –Whom will I trust? –What is my reaction to the Gospel? •Decisions are made in lifetime for all eternity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Saved-unsaved –Faithful-unfaithful –Good-evil •Nothing and nobody can reverse this judgment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nothing mysterious •No secret activity •Legal admission to heaven in front of the whole universe •Plainly and openly reveals God as Creator and Savior •God is proven just because sinners are transformed by God's grace, Word, and Spirit •God's love and justice are demonstrated when He accepts into the heavenly family those who repented and followed Him 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All living humans judged, but only faithful believers saved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All redeemed attest to God's goodness and justice in not admitting into heaven those who refused His saving activity for them and continued in destructive behavior •Judgment of evil angels and Satan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The overall judgment has very positive results •God as the Surgeon •God as the Re-Creator •Total undoing of the damage done by sin •Salvation and life secured for all eternity •Sin or rebellion will never occur again

Theology of God's Judgment: Revelation and Demonstration of the Love, Truth, and Justice of God (Rev 15:2-4; Phil 2:10-11; Rom 3:4; Ps 51:4)

**God's Government is Open—God's Ways Are Demonstrated and Proved Just
God Is Just While Justifying Sinners Who Accept Him and Trust in Him as Their Personal Savior
Deeper Revelation of God's Character in How He Deals with the Problem of Sin, Sinners, Satan,
and Fallen Angels and How He Saves Those Who Cultivate Faith in Him**