

LAST SESSION TONIGHT!

~ *Spring Semester Ends April 30* ~

ESCHATOLOGY, PART 2

Article XVIII, Of the World to Come, CHBC Statement of Faith

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

I. INTRODUCTION

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

II. FINAL JUDGMENT

(Rom. 2:5; Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 20:11-15; Acts 10:42; Mt. 25:31-34, 41; Rom. 2:6,8; 1 Cor. 3:12-15)

1) Jesus Christ will be the Judge

2) Unbelievers will be judged according to their works and condemned to eternal punishment

3) Believers will be judged according to their works.

III. THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH
(Rev. 21-22; Rom. 8:19)

Revelation 21:1-4

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

Why will it be all these things? Because we will be looking at God.”*

Sam Storms:

“When we get to [**the new heaven and the new earth**] there will be nothing that is abrasive, irritating, agitating, or hurtful. Nothing harmful, hateful, upsetting or unkind. Nothing sad, bad, or mad. Nothing harsh, impatient, ungrateful or unworthy. Nothing weak, or sick, or broken or foolish. Nothing deformed, degenerate, depraved or disgusting. Nothing polluted, pathetic, poor or putrid. Nothing dark, dismal, dismaying or degrading. Nothing blameworthy, blemished, blasphemous or blighted. Nothing faulty, faithless, frail or fading. Nothing grotesque or grievous, hideous or insidious. Nothing illicit or illegal, lascivious or lustful. Nothing marred or mutilated, misaligned or misinformed. Nothing nasty or naughty, offensive or odious. Nothing rancid or rude, soiled or spoiled. Nothing tawdry or tainted, tasteless or tempting. Nothing vile or vicious, wasteful or wanton!

Wherever you turn your eyes you will see nothing but glory and grandeur and beauty and brightness and purity and perfection and splendor and satisfaction and sweetness and salvation and majesty and marvel and holiness and happiness. We will see only and all that is adorable and affectionate, beautiful and bright, brilliant and bountiful, delightful and delicious, delectable and dazzling, elegant and exciting, fascinating and fruitful, glorious and grand, gracious and good, happy and holy, healthy and whole, joyful and jubilant, lovely and luscious, majestic and marvelous, opulent and overwhelming, radiant and resplendent, splendid and sublime, sweet and savoring, tender and tasteful, euphoric and unified!

Rev. 22:20-21

He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Master, Jesus, be with everyone. *Amen.*

* Sam Storms, *One Thing: Developing a Passion for the Beauty of God* (Geanies House, Fearn, Ross-shire, Scotland, Great Britain: Christian Focus, 2004), 178-179.