

“The New Heaven and the New Earth: ***The Sheep and Goats Judgment***”
Matthew 25:31-46; Joel 3:1-16

- What this is not...
 - This is not the ***Great White Throne Judgment*** (Revelation 20:11-15).
 - This is not the ***Judgment Seat of Christ*** (2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15).
 - The ***Sheep and the Goats Judgment*** will take place between the ***Tribulation Period*** and the ***Millennial Reign of Christ***.

- Matthew 25:31-46:
 - The Son of Man coming (Daniel 7:13-14) is also described in Revelation 19:11-21 and Zechariah 14:1-9. It is at this time that Jesus will sit on the throne of David (Matthew 19:28).
 - Before Him will be all the nations. This Judgment is not a judgment on the nation of Israel (Ezekiel 20:34-38; Romans 11:26-27) but on all the Gentiles who survived the Tribulation Period.
 - The nations will be gathered at the valley of Jehoshaphat or the valley of decision (Joel 3:12,14). They will be judged on how they treated Jewish people during the Tribulation period (Joel 3:2-3).
 - The right hand of God represents God’s favor or blessing; the left hand of God represents God’s rejection and condemnation. *“You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:11)*
 - This Judgment takes place on the earth and the Kingship of Jesus is focused on in this text. He is the Davidic King (Luke 1:32-33).
 - Those that inherit the earthly kingdom during the Millennial Reign of Christ are:
 - Living Jews and Gentiles who were saved during the Tribulation period.
 - The Glorified Church (Revelation 19:14).
 - The Glorified Old Testament Saints (Daniel 12:2).
 - The Glorified Tribulation Martyrs (Revelation 20:4).
 - The sheep are not saved by their good works but instead they are known by their good works like all other believers (1 John 3:17-18; James 2:14-17; Ephesians 2:10). These actions were uniquely righteous because of the great persecution that will be against the Jewish believers during this time....*“Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.” (Jeremiah 30:7; cf. Zechariah 13:8-14:2).*
 - What hangs in the balance is eternal life and eternal punishment or damnation. This is why the gospel being shared is essential. *“And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?...How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Romans 10:14b-15).*

Announcements:

★**CARE PACKAGE:** We are putting together a care package to send to David and Tiffany Lamb and their children. The Lambs are a missionary family that we, as a church, financially support as they live and serve in Papua New Guinea, translating the Bible into the many languages of the people in that country. Please consider providing one of the items listed below for the care package:

- notes of encouragement
- candies (any sweets at all)
- snacks (pecans, seasoning packets, teas, pepperoni)
- art supplies (pencils, pens, markers - think homeschool materials)
- children's activity books
- get creative

There is a tote at the back of the sanctuary to collect these items!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, June 30th, immediately following the worship service. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes and is for the purpose of proposing By-Law additions for the process of electing Elders, informing the Members of the Job Descriptions and Expectations for all paid staff, and an update on continuing our support of Heartbeats.

★**NO WORSHIP SERVICE:** There will be NO worship service NEXT Thursday, July 4th!

★**"4th of July" COOKOUT:** Mark your calendars, we are having our annual "4th of July" Cookout on Sunday, July 7th, starting at 5pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and bring your favorite yard/outdoor game to play! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the cookout!

★**PAINTBALL OUTING:** We are putting together a Paintball Outing, tentatively on Saturday, July 13th. The cost is \$39 per person for 3 hours, if we have a minimum of 20 people interested. Please let Zach Gavi know if you are interested in participating, so we can move forward in planning this event! (740)644-6314