

**SETTLING ACCOUNTS—FOREVER**

**Fact No. 1: Man must give account of himself on that day.** (Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10,12).

**Fact No. 2: All of us shall appear before Him.** (Philippians 2.9-10, Acts 17:31)

**Fact No. 3: We are accountable according to what we have done as measured by the word of God.** (John 12:48-50; Revelation 20:11-13)

**Fact No. 4: We need to get ready for the judgment day.** (II Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:40-41)

**Summing up Eternal life.** Eternal life is both for the righteous and the wicked. Everyone will get new eternal, spiritual bodies that will last forever and then they will be judged. The righteous going away to eternal life and the wicked to eternal punishment.

**Preparing for Prayer**

(List under each section items you will pray about. This approach is designed to give balance to your prayer life and to allow you to have a more complete relationship with God)

**A**doration \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C**onfession \_\_\_\_\_  
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**T**hanks \_\_\_\_\_  
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**S**upplication \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Apostles Creed**  
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**The Apostles Creed says about  
Judgment & Eternal Life**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,<sup>1</sup>  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**Following the resurrection where a person receives their new eternal bodies they must come before God for judgment and then into eternal life. Jesus was very clear that it was either eternal life or eternal punishment. (see Matthew 25.46) Following that event they will discover how long eternal really is. How this all started is a matter of public record.**

*“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”* Genesis 2.16-17

What punishment did Adam and Eve receive from God?

How is this death?

READ Exodus 21.12-17 and answer these questions

Does this seem a little harsh to you? why or why not?

What was the O.T. punishment for almost all sins?

Why was this the O.T. punishment and not the way we handle it today?

*Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.* Hebrews 9.27-28

What death is this referring to when it says “man is destined to die once?”

How can the items on the list be seen much like the Old Testament Law?

If a person is not doing any of the items on the list and does not know Jesus as their personal savior will they get into heaven? Explain your answer.

**Read Matthew 25:31-46 and answer the following questions.**

When Jesus returns with all his angels what is the first thing he will do to all mankind?

What will happen to those on his right? Why?

What will happen to those on his left? Why?

According to verses 40 & 45 how do we serve Jesus?

According to verse 46 How long will the wicked be punished?

Why will it last this long?

How long will the righteous live with God?

How do we know this is true and what will happen to the wicked and the righteous? Hint: Verse 24.4 starts this section of teaching.

Read Luke 12.35-40

What is required of the servants of God if they are going to be allowed into heaven?

What will Jesus do at the wedding banquet to show his appreciation for their faithfulness?

Sin from New Testament	Meaning
Abominable	To stink, to detest - A person who makes others sick because of their sinful ways.
Adulterers	Sex with any person who is not your spouse
Carousing	From "A village festival" - out of control activities
Covetous (2)	Always wanting more, wanting what other have
Cowardly	Without faith, denying the faith, afraid to stand for Jesus
Disputes	Selfish ambition that lead to arguments and battles
Dissensions	To stand apart (and cause problems)
Drunkards (2)	Intoxicated on alcohol, using alcohol in excess
Effeminate	Instrument of unnatural LUST - i.e. pornography
Enmities	To be hostile
Envyng	To improperly want and think about what others have
Factions	To choose to cause division by your actions or words
Fornicators	Sex between unmarried individuals
Homosexuals	Sex between individuals of the same sex (male/male)
Idolaters (4)	Image worship, serving another God
Immoral (3)	Sexual misconduct
Impure (2)	Not Clean - This is to be ceremonially wrong
Jealously	To boil or to be hot, angry zeal against someone
Liars	Not telling the truth
Murders	To slay, to kill in hatred or in anger
Outburst of Anger	To have an uncontrolled temper
Revilers	Abusive, uncontrolled behavior
Sensuality	Licentiousness, wantonness, (uncontrolled) sexual lust
Sorcerers (2)	To administer the use of medicine, drugs, or spells
Strife	To quarrel or to cause disagreements
Swindlers	To cheat others for personal gain
Thieves	Stealing from other (Greek - kleptes)
Unbelieving	Without Faith, No Faith, denying Jesus as God's son
Unrighteous	Not innocent or someone who is guilty of a sinful life
<b>THINGS LIKE THESE</b>	<b>JUST IN CASE YOU SIN AND IT IS NOT ON THE LIST - IT IS STILL COVERED.</b>

Why did Jesus die the first time he came to earth?

How will his second coming be different? (2 ways)

- 1.
- 2.

Who are those that are waiting for Christ to bring them salvation?

**Read Mark 10.17-21 and answer the following Questions**

What did this man want to know from Jesus?

What was the first thing Jesus said the man had to do to have eternal life?

How are these six similar? Hint: They all deal with the same thing.

What four commandments from Exodus 20 did Jesus not mention to the man in the list?

What was the second thing Jesus said the man had to do to have eternal life? (be careful THIS IS IMPORTANT and a little tricky)

How does what Jesus asked the man to do relate to the four commandments Jesus had not mentioned in his first list to the man?

**Conditions for eternal life:**

“I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ one comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ except \_\_\_\_\_ me.” John 14:6

According to Jesus is there any other way to get to heaven?

According to Jesus how many ways are there to get into heaven?

How is this different from much of the modern teachings about universal salvation and many paths to God?

How can you be sure this is true?

**Read Romans 1:18-22**

Vs. 21 What do men do to hide and deny the truth of God?

Vs. 20 What three ways has God revealed himself to all humanity?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Even if men have never heard of Jesus will God overlook this fact and allow them into heaven?

Explain your answer?

**Conditions for getting into heaven:**

“If anyone’s name was not found written in the \_\_\_\_\_, he was thrown into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_.” Revelation 20:15

How do you get your name listed in the book of LIFE?

“Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but only those whose \_\_\_\_\_ are written in the Lamb’s \_\_\_\_\_.” Revelation 21:27

How does this verse show the need to be ready to meet God when life comes to an end?

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.* Romans 3:20

What is the purpose of the Old Testament Law with all its rules, regulations and commandments?

What is the one thing the Law cannot do for an individual?

How does this help us understand the dilemma the man had when he came to Jesus and was able to say he had always obeyed the six commandments Jesus had listed for him?

How was holding on to his wealth so tightly a violation of the four commandments Jesus did not list?

On the following page there is a list of the reasons listed in the New Testament why a person cannot inherit the Kingdom of God/Heaven. This list is compiled from the following verses and the numbers in ( ) indicated on how many of the list these appear on.

**1 Corinthians 6.9-10; Galatians 5.19-21; Ephesians 3.5; Revelation 21.8**