

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:10-11^a

OPEN & BIG IDEA:

- Examining our lives in light of the judgement of Christ in Heaven
- Big Idea: Those who Fear God will: 1) Love what God loves 2) Hate what God hates 3) Live as if we will stand before God and give an account.

DIG:

Holy fear draws in us IN

Isaiah 11:3^a

- Fear is God's delight

Isaiah 33:6^b

- Fear is a treasure

Two Judgements:

Revelation 20:11-15 – The final judgement

- This is for unbelievers before they are thrown into the lake of fire
- Heaven and hell are real; our role is to make heaven bigger and hell smaller; how do we do that?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, John 5:24 – The Bema Seat

- This is for believers to stand before Christ to receive rewards based upon how they lived their lives
- A place of testing and reward; not condemnation or censure
- How do you view this? Do you think you will be afraid? Or will it be a time of joy?

What will we be judged on?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Luke 8:17

- Every deed and every secret thing

Matthew 12:36-37, 12: 34^b, Ephesians 4:29

- Idle words
- Our words can build up or destroy

Matthew 25:31-46

- Deeds; what we did and did not do

Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27

- Service to the King; How we invested our time, talent and treasure for eternity

1 Peter 4:3-5; Ephesians 5:15-17; Proverbs 9:10

- Lifestyle choices: living a life knowing you will stand before God
- Christians should live like we've been delivered from something; being influencers; Make the most of every opportunity

What about those who haven't accepted Jesus?

2 Peter 2:17; Jude 1:13; Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 10:32-33; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11^a;

- God doesn't send people to hell, they choose to go

REFLECT:

- When we are afraid of God it is because we have something to hide; when we fear God, we have nothing to hide
- Read Revelation 22:12 – There will be a time when we stand before Jesus and He will bestow gifts upon us; how will it make you feel to have the King of the universe give you rewards?
- Do you think you will stand before Christ and see rewards you could have had? (missed opportunities)
- Are you wasting time on what doesn't matter?
- The problem is not the world, it is the church (1 Peter 4:17); What are we doing with His church?

ACTION PLAN:

- Live with eternity in mind, not for man's accolades

BCC Connection Group Questions: September 17, 2023 (Week 3)
Sermon Series: Fear of God, Part 3: Eternal Judgment

- Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit for opportunities to live for Him instead of yourself

VISION OPPS:

- **Overflow Women's Conference**– This year's theme is "Hearts of Devotion"
Sunday, October 1, 5-8 pm at the WO Campus; sign up at the Connection Point or online. Cost is \$25
 - **Women Register at bridgecitypgh.com/events**
 - **Men sign up to serve at bridgecitypgh.com/events**
- **Band of Brothers Men's Conference: Overcomer - November 2-4**
God has put it in the hearts of men to be overcomers; men who don't run alone, but run with brothers.
They are a Band of Brothers - tribe joined together to see the Church triumphant. Register at nrpastors.com
- At a **Victory & Freedom** weekend, you will be taught how to discover joy in the Lord. Following the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11–32), you will learn about the acceptance that God the Father has for you. You will experience the freedom that comes from Jesus Christ and the realization that you are a child of God. October's Victory & Freedom will be a two-day event. Attendees will arrive at 7pm on Friday night. Then return at 8am on Saturday where you will experience ministry throughout the day until around 8pm. **October 13–14 Women | Murrysville Men | Brighton Heights \$20 per person**