

Why Will Judgement Begin at the Household of Faith (The Church of Christ)?

Text: I Peter 4:17-18 (NAS)

¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

Judgement Begins at Home:

1. Every Member in the LORD's CHURCH is Not Being Controlled by the HOLY SPIRIT
2. Why Will Only a Few Members of the Lord's Church be Saved?
3. Biblical Description of "LOST" Members of the Church
4. Faithful Members, Hot, Seeking the Kingdom First, Steadfast Unmoveable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord; Attending Worship, Sunday Morning and Evening, Bible Class, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, If Physically Possible
5. Cold and Lukewarm Christians (Slowful)
6. Adulteresses, Loving the World, and GOD
7. Damned Christians
8. Members of the Church Who Are Under the Control of the Devil
9. My Greatest Concern for the Eloy Church of Christ

Point #1: Every Member in the LORD's CHURCH is Not Being Controlled by the HOLY SPIRIT

- Romans 8:14 (NLT)

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For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Point #2: Why Will Only a Few Members of the Lord's Church be Saved?

- Matthew 7:21 (NLT)
- Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV)

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Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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Point #3: Biblical Description of “LOST” Members of the Church

➤ Matthew 13:24-30 (NAS)

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²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. ²⁶ "And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. ²⁷ "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ "But he said, 'No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Point #4: Faithful Members, Hot, Seeking the Kingdom First, Steadfast Unmoveable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord; Attending Worship, Sunday Morning and Evening, Bible Class, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, If Physically Possible

- Revelation 2:10 (KJV)
- James 4:5 (KJV)
- I Corinthians 15:58 (NAS)

Revelation 2:10 (KJV)

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

James 4:5 (KJV)

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

I Corinthians 15:58 (NAS)

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Point #5: Cold and Lukewarm Christians (Slowful)

➤ Revelation 3:14-16 (NLT)

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¹⁴ "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: ¹⁵ "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶ But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!

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Point #6: Adulteresses, Loving the World, and GOD

➤ James 4:4 (NAS)

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You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Point #7: Damned Christians

➤ II Thessalonians 2:10-12 (NAS)

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¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Point #8: Members of the Church Who Are Under the Control of the Devil

➤ II Timothy 2:24-26 (NAS)

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²⁴ The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, ²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Point #9: My Greatest Concern for the Eloy Church of Christ, Covetousness, the Love of Money and Material Things, Not Gibing to GOD as HE Commands

- Matthew 6:24 (NAS)
- Luke 12:15 (NAS)
- Ephesians 5:3-5 (NAS)
- I Timothy 6:10 (NAS)
- Colossians 3:5 (NAS)
- Hebrews 13:5 (NAS)

Matthew 6:24 (NAS)

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Luke 12:15 (NAS)

But He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one is affluent does his life consist of his possessions."

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Ephesians 5:3-5 (NAS)

³ But sexual immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴ and *there must be no* filthiness or foolish talk, or vulgar joking, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, which amounts to an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

I Timothy 6:10 (NAS)

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Colossians 3:5 (NAS)

Therefore, treat the parts of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Hebrews 13:5 (NAS)

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER ABANDON YOU,"

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.