

## Do We Even Need A Judge?

JOHN 5:22 KJV

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

The popular belief among today's Christians is that immediately after death, all who "confessed" Jesus will go to Heaven to enjoy eternal bliss, and everyone else will immediately enter eternal torment in Hell, because they never made the right choice on earth: choosing Jesus. End of story! No need for any further judgment by anyone.

But is judgment really that simple? If it is, why do we even need Jesus to be the Judge?

ROMANS 11:33 KJV

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33 makes me understand that God's judgments are above my level of knowledge. So if you think you have all judgment figured out, you may need to do what Job did after the Lord confronted him, and change your thinking.

JOB 42:3 KJV

3 . . . I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

We can confidently leave all final judgment to our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. We don't have to figure it all out. It's not our responsibility. Jesus will handle it perfectly. I have confidence, along with Abraham, that "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25)

I hope you realize that pronouncing judgment concerning people's eternal destiny is not something we have been called or equipped to do in this life. Jesus Christ has been designated the Judge and there is no reason for us to pronounce eternal condemnation on anyone now.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:5 KJV

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

We should quit thinking we have everything figured out about how the Lord will judge everyone. We should just do what we have been told, such as share the Good News about Jesus with people, act in love – and leave the final judgment to Jesus.