

The Judgment Seat of Christ and The Great White Throne Judgment

What are the similarities and differences between these two days of judgment? You be the judge with this comparison chart.



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Romans 14:10-12 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 2 Corinthians 5:9-10	Which Bible verses describe the event?	Revelation 20:11-15 Hebrews 9:27
Believers	Who will be judged?	Unbelievers
Jesus Christ	Who will be the judge?	Jesus Christ
To reward the faithful service of God's children.	What is the purpose?	To settle accounts of those who rebel against God's righteousness.
After the Rapture, during the Tribulation, before the Millennium.	When will it occur?	After the Millennium, before the lake of fire.
There will be no condemnation (Rom. 8:1). Faithful believers will receive rewards for their service to the Lamb.	What will be the criteria for judgment?	Everyone who is spiritually dead, who has not put faith in the Lamb, will be judged. There will be no defense and no appeal.
Any good works done in the name of Jesus Christ will be rewarded as a prelude to eternity spent in the presence of God.	What will be the outcome?	The spiritually dead will be thrown into the lake of fire, eternally separated from God's presence.
Each person's motives, desires, and reasons for serving God will be judged. Works rooted in pure motives will be rewarded; all others will be burned (1 Cor. 3:11-15).	Will all those who are judged receive equal treatment?	All who stand before the Judge at the Great White Throne will be condemned, but the fire will be hotter for some than others (Rom. 2:6; Rev. 20:13).
No. All believers will stand blameless before the throne because of Jesus' righteousness, which delivers them from the punishment their sin deserves (Rom. 3:23; 4:22-25; 6:23).	Will it be fair?	Yes. Anyone who has rejected God's gift of salvation will receive the due punishment for their sins (John 3:18-20; Rom. 1:18-23; Rom. 3:23).
Serve God faithfully and in light of eternity (Gal. 6:7, 9). Do not judge others; trust God's perfect wisdom and judgment (Rom. 14:10-12).	What should we do about it now?	Repent, and believe in the Gospel (Mark 1:15). Do not wait! There may not be another chance (Mt. 24:36).