

11.

Rom. 11, 5: Even so, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to *the election of grace*.

Rom. 9, 11: That the purpose of God according to election might stand, *not of works*.

Eph. 1, 4: According as He hath chosen us *in Him* before the foundation of the world.

12.

Cf. §§ 50 and 123.

13.

John 15, 19: Ye are not of the world, but I have *chosen you out of the world*.

Eph. 1, 4: According as He hath *chosen* us in Him before the foundation of the world, *that we should be holy* and without blame before Him.

Rom. 9, 23, 24: That He might make known the riches of His glory on the *vessels of mercy*, which *He had afore prepared unto glory*, even us, whom He hath called, *not of the Jews only*, but also of the *Gentiles*.

Rom. 11, 7: The *election* hath obtained it, and the *rest* were blinded.

14.

Rom. 8, 29, 30: Whom He did foreknow He also did *predestinate* to be *conformed to the image of His Son*, that He might be the First-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did *predestinate*, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also *glorified*.—Cf. 2 Tim. 2, 10: "*with eternal glory*."

ESCHATOLOGY.

DEFINITION.

§ 174. Eschatology is the doctrine of Holy Scripture concerning the end of temporal life, the second advent of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, final judgment, the consummation of all things, the everlasting damnation of the wicked, and the eternal bliss of the just in the world to come.

TEMPORAL DEATH.

§ 175. Temporal death is the termination of man's temporal life by the separation¹ of his immortal soul² from his mortal body.³

1.

Luke 12, 20: But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy *soul shall be required of thee.*

2 Tim. 4, 6: I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my *departure* is at hand.

Phil. 1, 23: I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to *depart* and to be with Christ, which is far better.

2 Cor. 5, 1. 4. 8: We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were *dissolved*, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (4) For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be *unclothed*, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. (8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent *from the body*, and to be present with the Lord.

2.

Matt. 10, 28: Fear not them which kill the body, but are *not able to kill the soul.*

Matt. 22, 32: I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of *the living.*

3.

Rom. 8, 11: He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your *mortal bodies.*

1 Cor. 15, 35: But some man will say, How are the *dead raised up?*

1 Cor. 15, 44: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

Matt. 10, 28: And fear not them which *kill the body*, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

DEATH OF THE WICKED.

§ 176. The temporal death of the wicked is a consequence¹ and punishment² of sin, and the transition of the soul spiritually dead into eternal death.³

1.

Rom. 5, 12: By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Rom. 5, 17: By one man's offense death reigned by one.

Rom. 5, 21: Sin hath reigned unto death.

2.

Rom. 6, 23: The *wages* of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life.

Ezek. 18, 20. 26: The soul that *sinneth*, it shall *die*. The son

shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. (26) *For his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.*

Ezek. 33, 18: When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even *die thereby.*

3.

1 Pet. 3, 19, 20: By which also He went and preached unto the *spirits in prison*, which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah.

Luke 16, 23: And *in hell* he lifted up his eyes, being *in torments*, and seeth Abraham *afar off*, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Prov. 11, 7: When a *wicked man dieth*, his *expectation shall perish*: and the *hope of unjust men perisheth.*

Ecl. 11, 3: If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, *there it shall be.*

DEATH OF BELIEVERS.

§ 177. Though the temporal death of believers is also a consequence of sin,¹ it is no longer a punishment of sin,² but rather the cessation from sinning,³ and a transition from a spiritual life of faith and hope⁴ into an eternal life of perfect bliss with God.⁵

1.

Rom. 5, 12, 15: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and *death by sin*; and so death passed upon *all men*, for that all have sinned. (15) But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if *through the offense of one many be dead*, much more the *grace of God*, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath *abounded unto many.*

2 Cor. 5, 4: For we that are in this tabernacle do *groan*, being *burdened*; not for that we would be *unclothed*, but *clothed upon*, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Rom. 8, 10: And if Christ be in you, the *body is dead because of sin*; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

2.

Is. 53, 5: But He was *wounded for our transgressions*, He was *bruised for our iniquities*: the *chastisement of our peace was upon Him*; and with His stripes we are healed.

1 Pet. 2, 24: Who *His own self bare our sins* in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should *live unto righteousness*; by whose stripes ye were healed.

Phil. 1, 21, 23: For to me to live is Christ, and *to die is gain.* (23) For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a *desire to depart*, and to be with Christ, which is *far better.*

2 Cor. 5, 4: For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Luke 2, 29: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant *depart in peace*, according to Thy word.

3.

Rom. 7, 23, 24: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall *deliver me from the body of this death?*

4.

Rom. 8, 24, 25: For we are *saved by hope*. But hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience *wait for it*.

2 Cor. 5, 7: For we walk by *faith, not by sight*.

5.

Rev. 14, 13: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me Write, *Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth* Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may *rest* from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Luke 23, 43: And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee To-day shalt thou be *with me in paradise*.

2 Cor. 5, 2, 8: For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. (8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be *present with the Lord*.

Phil. 1, 23: For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a *desire to depart*, and to be *with Christ*, which is far better.

Acts 7, 59: And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!*

Ecl. 12, 7: Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the *spirit shall return unto God* who gave it.

THE LAST GENERATION.

§ 178. Temporal death is not the future lot of all mankind, inasmuch as a generation of men will live¹ to witness the second coming of Christ.²

1.

1 Thess. 4, 15, 17: For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord that we which are alive *and remain unto the coming of the Lord* shall not prevent them which are asleep. (17) Then we which are *alive and remain* shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Cor. 15, 51: Behold, I show you a mystery: *We shall not all sleep*, but we shall all be changed.

Matt. 24, 30: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and *they shall see the Son of Man coming* in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

2.

Hebr. 9, 28: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He *appear the second time* without sin unto salvation.

Acts 1, 11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven *shall so come* in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

SIGNS OF THE LAST TIMES.

§ 179. The predicted¹ second visible² advent of Christ may be expected at any time,³ since all the signs which are to remind us of His coming⁴ have been fulfilled or are still in process of fulfillment,⁵ Antichrist is come and has been revealed in the Roman pontiff,⁶ and the last times are doubtless upon the world.⁷

1.

Matt. 26, 64: *Hereafter* shall ye see the *Son of Man* sitting on the right hand of power, and *coming* in the clouds of heaven.

Acts 1, 11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? *This same Jesus* which is taken up from you into heaven *shall so come* in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

Matt. 25, 31: When the *Son of Man* shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory.

Matt. 24, 30: Then *shall appear the sign of the Son of Man* in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the *Son of Man coming* in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mark 13, 26: And then shall they see the *Son of Man coming* in the clouds with great power and glory.

1 Thess. 4, 16: For the *Lord Himself shall descend* from heaven with a shout, etc.

1 Cor. 1, 7: So that ye come behind in no gift, *waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*.

Tit. 2, 13: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious *appearing of the great God* and our Savior *Jesus Christ*.

2.

Rev. 1, 7: Behold, *He cometh* with clouds; and every eye shall see *Him*, and they also which pierced Him.

John 19, 37: And again another scripture saith, *They shall look on Him* whom they pierced.

Luke 21, 27: And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Matt. 26, 64: Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Acts 1, 11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

3.

Mark 13, 32: But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Matt. 24, 36. 42: But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. (42) *Watch therefore;* for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Luke 12, 40: *Be ye therefore ready also;* for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 21, 36: *Watch ye therefore,* and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

1 Cor. 1, 7: So that ye come behind in no gift, *waiting* for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tit. 2, 13: *Looking for* that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 3, 12: *Looking for* and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.

Phil. 3, 20: For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

4.

Matt. 24, 3. 33: Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world? (33) So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Mark 13, 29: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

Luke 21, 25: And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring.

5.

Luke 21, 26: Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.

Mark 13, 22: For *false Christs* and *false prophets* shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

Matt. 24, 24: For there shall arise *false Christs*, and *false prophets*, and shall show great signs and wonders, inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matt. 24, 37—39: But as *the days of Noe* were, so shall also *the coming of the Son of Man* be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also *the coming of the Son of Man* be.

1 Tim. 4, 1: Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall *depart from the faith*, giving heed to *seducing spirits* and doctrines of devils.

Luke 21, 24, 25: And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and *Jerusalem* shall be *trodden down of the Gentiles*, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be *signs* in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring.

Matt. 24, 14, 34: And this *Gospel* of the kingdom shall be *preached in all the world* for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (34) Verily, I say unto you, *This generation shall not pass*, till all these things be fulfilled.

6.

1 John 2, 18: Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that *Antichrist* shall come, even now are there many anti-christs: *whereby we know that it is the last time*. — Cf. 4, 3.

2 Thess. 2, 3, 4, 8—11: *That day* shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that *man of sin* be revealed, the *son of perdition*, who *opposeth and exalteth himself* above all that is called *God*, or that is *worshipped*, so that he as *God sitteth in the temple of God*, showing himself that he is God. (8—11) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy *with the brightness of His coming*: even him, whose coming is after the *working of Satan* with all *power and signs and lying wonders*, and with all *deceivableness of unrighteousness* in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them *strong delusion*, that they should believe a lie.

Cf. Dan. 11, 36—45. Rev. 17, 18.

7.

1 John 2, 18: Little children, it is *the last time*: and as ye have heard that *Antichrist* shall come, even now are there many anti-christs: *whereby we know that it is the last time*.

Luke 18, 8: I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

1 Cor. 10, 11: Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom *the ends of the world are come*.

1 Pet. 4, 7: But *the end of all things is at hand*. Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer!

PURPOSE OF THE SECOND ADVENT.

§ 180. The purpose of the second coming of Christ is not the establishment of a millennial kingdom on earth,¹ but the resurrection of all the dead,² the final judgment,³ and the consummation of all things.⁴

1.

1 Cor. 15, 50: Now this I say, brethren, that *flesh and blood* cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Cf. Matt. 25, 34.

John 16, 33: These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. *In the world ye shall have tribulation*: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1 Thess. 4, 16, 17: For *the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven* with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and *the dead in Christ shall rise first*. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Hebr. 9, 28: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He *appear the second time* without sin unto salvation.

2 Tim. 4, 8: *Henceforth* there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto *all them also that love His appearing*.

Phil. 3, 20: For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2.

Cf. § 181.

3.

Cf. § 182.

4.

Cf. § 183.

RESURRECTION OF ALL THE DEAD.

§ 181. The first¹ act of Christ on His second advent² and of the Holy Trinity,³ at the last day,⁴ will be the quickening or resuscitation of all the dead,⁵ whose souls will then be reunited with the same⁶ bodies from which they were separated in temporal death,⁷ but which will be adapted to a future state,⁸ those of the wicked to a state of everlasting shame and torment,⁹ those of the righteous to an everlasting state of celestial glory.¹⁰

1.

1 Thess. 4, 16: For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and *the dead in Christ shall rise first.*

1 Cor. 15, 52: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

2.

1 Thess. 4, 16: For *the Lord Himself* shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Matt. 25, 31. 32: When *the Son of Man shall come* in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations.

3.

John 5, 21: For as *the Father raiseth up the dead* and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.

John 6, 40. 54: And this is *the will of Him that sent me*, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and *I will raise him up* at the last day. (54) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rom. 8, 11: But if *the Spirit of Him* that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, *He that raised up Christ* from the dead shall so quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

4.

John 6, 40. 54: And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and *I will raise him up at the last day.* (54) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and *I will raise him up at the last day.*

5.

John 5, 21: For as the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.

John 5, 28, 29: Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, unto the *resurrection of damnation*.

Matt. 25, 32: And before Him shall be gathered *all nations*: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

2 Cor. 5, 10: For we must *all* appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that *every* one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Acts 24, 15: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, *both of the just and unjust*.

6.

Rom. 8, 11: But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also *quicken your mortal bodies* by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Phil. 3, 21: Who shall change *our vile body*, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

2 Cor. 5, 10: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done *in his body*, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Job 19, 26: Yet *in my flesh* shall I see God.

1 Cor. 15, 44, 53: It is sown *a natural body*; it is raised *a spiritual body*. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (53) For *this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*.

John 5, 28: Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all *that are in the graves* shall hear His voice.

Rev. 20, 12: And I saw *the dead*, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened which is the book of life: and *the dead* were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works

7.

Cf. § 175.

8.

John 5, 29: And shall come forth: they that have done good *unto the resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, *unto the resurrection of damnation*.

1 Cor. 15, 50: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

9.

Dan. 12, 2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and *some to shame and everlasting contempt*.

Matt. 25, 41. 46: Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, *into everlasting fire*, prepared for the devil and his angels! (46) And these shall go away *into everlasting punishment*, but the righteous into life eternal.

John 5, 29: And shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, unto the *resurrection of damnation*.

10.

Dan. 12, 1. 2: And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time *thy people shall be delivered*, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some *to everlasting life*, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 5, 29: And shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

1 Cor. 15, 52: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be *raised incorruptible*, and we shall be changed.

1 Cor. 15, 42—44. 49. 50. 53: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is *raised in incorruption*. It is sown in dishonor; it is *raised in glory*: it is sown in weakness; it is *raised in power*: it is sown a natural body; it is *raised a spiritual body*. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. (49. 50) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also *bear the image of the heavenly*. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (53) For this corruptible must *put on incorruption*, and this mortal must *put on immortality*.

Phil. 3, 21: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned *like unto His glorious body*, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Matt. 13, 43: Then shall the righteous *shine forth as the sun* in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear!

Rev. 7, 16: They shall *hunger no more, neither thirst any more*; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

FINAL JUDGMENT.

§ 182. After the resurrection of all the dead,¹ and the range of those who shall have lived to see the second advent of Christ,² all nations shall be gathered before Him,³ and he will separate the righteous from the wicked,⁴ and will, by public judgment,⁵ by the testimony of their works,⁶ the good works⁷ of the righteous in evidence of their faith,⁸ and

the evil works of the wicked⁹ in evidence of their unbelief, reveal to angels and men¹⁰ the righteousness of His judgment¹¹ and of the final sentence pronounced by God through Jesus Christ,¹² which will be just damnation to everlasting punishment for the wicked¹³ and gracious assignment to life everlasting for the righteous.¹⁴

1.

Cf. § 181.

2.

1 Cor. 15, 51, 52: Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but *we shall all be changed*, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and *we shall be changed*.

1 Thess. 4, 15, 17: We which are alive and *remain unto the coming of the Lord* shall not prevent them which are asleep. (17) Then we which are *alive and remain* shall be caught up together with them in the clouds.

3.

Matt. 25, 32: And before Him shall be gathered all nations.

Rom. 14, 10: For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

John 5, 22: For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed *all judgment* unto the Son.

Acts 17, 31: Because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge *the world* in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained.

Rev. 1, 7: Behold, He cometh with clouds; and *every eye shall see Him*, and they also which pierced Him.

4.

Matt. 25, 32: And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall *separate them* one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

Mark 16, 16: He that *believeth* and is baptized *shall be saved*; but he that *believeth not* shall be *damned*.

5.

2 Cor. 5, 10: For we must all *appear* before the judgment seat of Christ.

1 Cor. 4, 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.

Rom. 2, 5, 16: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasure up unto thyself wrath against the *day* of wrath and *revelation of the righteous judgment of God*. (16) In the day when God shall *judge* the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my Gos;

6.

Rom. 2, 6: Who will render to every man *according to his deeds*.

2 Cor. 5, 10: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, *according to that he hath done*, whether it be good or bad.

Matt. 25, 35. 36. 42. 43: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. (42. 43) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

7.

Is. 43, 25: I, even I, am He that *blotteth out thy transgressions* for mine own sake, and will *not remember thy sins*.

Ezek. 18, 22: All *his transgressions* that he hath committed, *they shall not be mentioned* unto him.

1 John 2, 28: And now, little children, abide in Him, that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and *not be ashamed* before Him *at His coming*.

Matt. 25, 35: See sub 6.

8.

Matt. 25, 34. 35: Come, ye *blessed* of my Father, *inherit* the kingdom *prepared for you* from the foundation of the world. (35, above sub 6.)

John 3, 16. 18: For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever *believeth* in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (18) He that *believeth* on Him *is not condemned*.

John 3, 36: He that *believeth* on the Son *hath* everlasting life.

Rev. 14, 13: Blessed are the dead which die *in the Lord* from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Gal. 5, 6: For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision, but *faith which worketh by love*.

John 13, 35: By this shall all men *know* that ye are *my disciples*, if ye have *love* one to another.

9.

Matt. 25, 42: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat.

Matt. 7, 17. 18: Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a *corrupt tree* bringeth forth *evil fruit*. A *good tree* cannot bring forth *evil fruit*, neither can a *corrupt tree* bring forth *good fruit*.

John 3, 18. 36: But he that *believeth not* is *condemned* already, *because he hath not believed* in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. (36) And he that *believeth not* the Son *shall not see life*, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

10.

Luke 9, 26: For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

Matt. 25, 31. 32: When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and *all the holy angels* with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered *all nations*.

11.

Rom. 2, 5: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and *revelation of the righteous judgment of God*.

Acts 17, 31: Because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world *in righteousness* by that Man whom He hath ordained.

12.

Acts 17, 31: He will judge the world in righteousness *by that Man whom He hath ordained*.

Rom. 2, 16: In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men *by Jesus Christ*, according to my Gospel.

13.

Matt. 25, 41. 46: Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, *Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels!* (46) And these shall go away into *everlasting punishment*, but the righteous into life eternal.

14.

Matt. 25, 34. 46: Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, *Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom* prepared for you from the foundation of the world! (46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into *life eternal*.

END OF THE WORLD.

§ 183. The day of the resurrection of all the dead will also be the last day,² the day of the end of the world, when earth and heaven shall come to ruin⁴ and pass away, consumed in fire,⁶ and God will create a new heaven and a new earth.⁷

1.

Cf. § 181.

2.

John 6, 40. 44: And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at *the last day*. (44) N

an can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw
n: and I will raise him up at *the last day*.

John 11, 24: Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise
ain in the resurrection at *the last day*.

3.

Matt. 24, 3, 14: Tell us, when shall these things be? and what
all be the sign of Thy coming, and of the *end of the world?*

4) And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the
rld for a witness unto all nations; and then shall *the end* come.

Matt. 13, 39: The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the har-
at is the *end of the world*.

1 Cor. 15, 24: Then cometh *the end*, when He shall have delivered
the kingdom to God, even the Father, when He shall have put
vn all rule and all authority and power.

4.

Matt. 24, 29: Immediately after the tribulation of those days
ll the *sun be darkened*, and the *moon shall not give her light*, and
e *stars shall fall from heaven*, and the *powers of the heavens shall*
shaken. Cf. Mark 13, 24—26.

5.

2 Pet. 3, 10: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the
ht, in the which *the heavens shall pass away with a great noise*,
the *elements shall melt with fervent heat*, the earth also and the
s that are therein shall be burned up.

Luke 21, 33: Heaven and earth shall *pass away*; but my words
not pass away. Cf. Matt. 24, 35.

Matt. 5, 18: For, verily, I say unto you, Till *heaven and earth*
ome jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all
filled.

Ps. 102, 26, 27: They shall *perish*, but Thou shalt endure: yea,
them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou
e them, and they shall be changed. But Thou art the same, and
ears shall have no end.

Isa. 1, 11: *They shall perish*; but Thou remainest; and they
ll wax old as doth a garment.

Rev. 20, 11: And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat
rom whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there
nd *no place* for them.

Rev. 21, 1: And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the
aven and the first earth *were passed away*; and there *was no*
a.

6.

1 Pet. 3, 7, 10, 12: But the heavens and the earth, which are
the same word are kept in store, reserved *unto fire* against
of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (10) But the
e Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the

heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the *elements shall melt with fervent heat*; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be *burned up*. (12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the *heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved*, and the *elements shall melt with fervent heat*.

7.

Is. 65, 17: For, behold, *I create new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind*.

Is. 66, 22: For as the *new heavens and the new earth, which I will make*, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall you seed and your name remain.

2 Pet. 3, 13: Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for *new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness*.

Rev. 21, 1: And I saw *a new heaven and a new earth*; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

ETERNAL DAMNATION.

§ 184. The punishment of the damned, after the consummation, will be everlasting shame¹ and torment² of body and soul³ with the devil and his angels⁴ in the fire of hell; but while the punishment of all will be endless⁶ and severally the degrees of torment will differ with different degrees of guilt in different individuals.⁸

1.

Dan. 12, 2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake: some to everlasting life, and some to *shame and everlasting contempt*.

2.

Luke 16, 23—25: And *in hell* he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for *I am tormented in this flame*. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and *thou art tormented*.

Matt. 8, 12: But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into *outer darkness*: there shall be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*.

Rev. 20, 10: And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of *fire and brimstone*, where the beast and the false prophet and he shall be *tormented day and night for ever and ever*.

Is. 66, 24: And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me; for *their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched*; and they shall be *horrifying* unto all flesh.

Rev. 14, 10. 11: The same shall drink of *the wine of the wrath of God*, which is poured out *without mixture* into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be *tormented* with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the *smoke of their torment* ascendeth up *for ever and ever*: and they have *no rest* day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

3.

Matt. 10, 28: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to *destroy both soul and body in hell*.

4.

Matt. 25, 41: Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for *the devil and his angels!*

5.

Matt. 25, 41: See above sub 4.

Luke 16, 23. 24: See above sub 2.

6.

Matt. 25, 41. 46: Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into *everlasting fire*, prepared for the devil and his angels! (46) And these shall go away into *everlasting* punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

2 Thess. 1, 9: Who shall be punished with *everlasting* destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.

Dan. 12, 2: And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake: some to everlasting life, and some to shame and *everlasting* contempt.

Mark 9, 43. 45. 48: And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that *never shall be quenched*. (45) And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that *never shall be quenched*. (48) Where their *worm dieth not*, and the *fire is not quenched*.

Matt. 26, 24: It had been good for that man if he had not been born.

7.

James 2, 13: For he shall have judgment *without mercy* that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Rev. 14, 10. 11: The same shall drink of the wine of the *wrath* of God, which is poured out *without mixture* into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be *tormented* with *fire and brimstone* in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the *smoke of their torment* ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have *no rest* day nor night.

8.

Matt. 10, 15: Verily, I say unto you, It shall be *more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha* in the day of judgment *than for that city.*

Matt. 11, 22, 23: But I say unto you, It shall be *more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon* at the day of judgment *than for you.* And thou, *Capernaum*, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Luke 10, 12: But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

Matt. 23, 13: *Woe* unto you, *scribes and Pharisees*, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Luke 12, 47, 48: And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with *many stripes.* But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with *few stripes.* For unto whomsoever *much* is given, of him shall be *much* required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

ETERNAL LIFE.

§ 185. The state of the elect, after the consummation, will be a state of eternal life¹ with God² and His angels³ in glory⁴ and bliss⁵ of body and soul⁶ unmarred by sin,⁷ pain,⁸ death,⁹ or the possibility of apostasy;¹⁰ and while the bliss of all the heirs of salvation¹¹ will be perfect¹² and their glory great,¹³ there will be degrees of glory,¹⁴ as God will graciously reward¹⁵ in the kingdom of glory¹⁶ the works performed by those who were faithful stewards¹⁷ in the kingdom of grace. Then shall the glory of the righteous redound to the glory of Him to whose cross we shall owe our crowns and whom with immortal lips we shall forever praise, our Savior and our God.¹⁸

1.

Matt. 25, 46: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into *life eternal.*

Tit. 3, 7: That, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of *eternal life.*

Rom. 6, 23: But the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

John 3, 15, 16: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have *eternal life.* For God so loved the world that He gave

His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have *everlasting life*.

1 John 2, 25: And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even *eternal life*.

2.

1 John 3, 2: We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall *see Him as He is*.

1 Thess. 4, 17: And so shall we ever *be with the Lord*.

Job 19, 26: Yet in my flesh shall I *see God*.

Matt. 5, 8: Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall *see God*.

John 17, 24: Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given me, *be with me* where I am.

Rev. 21, 3: And *God Himself shall be with them*, and be their God.

Phil. 1, 23: Having a desire to depart, and to *be with Christ*, which is far better.

3.

Hebr. 12, 22: But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Matt. 18, 10: Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

2 Thess. 1, 7: And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.

4.

2 Tim. 2, 10: For the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *with eternal glory*.

Rev. 3, 5: He that overcometh, the same shall be *clothed in white* aiment.

5.

1 Pet. 5, 10: But the God of all grace, who hath *called us unto His eternal glory* by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you!

2 Cor. 4, 17: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and *eternal weight of glory*.

Rom. 8, 17, 18: If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be so glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom. 8, 30: Whom He justified, them He also glorified.

Ps. 16, 11: In Thy presence is *fullness of joy*; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Is. 35, 10: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come Zion with songs and *everlasting joy upon their heads*: they shall attain *joy and gladness*, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

6.

John 5, 29: And shall *come forth*: they that have done good, unto the *resurrection of life*, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of *damnation*.

1 Cor. 15, 42: So also is the resurrection of the *dead*. It is *sown* in corruption; it is *raised in incorruption*.

7.

2 Tim. 4, 8: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of *righteousness*.

1 Pet. 1, 4: To an inheritance incorruptible, and *undefiled*, and that *fadeth not away*, reserved in heaven for you.

Hebr. 12, 23: And to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *just men made perfect*.

8.

Is. 25, 8: He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will *wipe away tears* from off all faces.

Is. 35, 10: They shall obtain joy and gladness, *and sorrow and sighing shall flee away*.

Is. 60, 20: For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy *mourning shall be ended*.

Is. 49, 10: They shall *not hunger nor thirst*; neither shall the *heat* nor sun smite them.

Rev. 7, 16, 17: They shall *hunger no more, neither thirst* any more; neither shall the sun light on them, *nor any heat*. And God shall *wipe away all tears* from their eyes.

Rev. 21, 4: And God shall *wipe away all tears* from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, *neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain*; for the former things are passed away

9.

Rom. 7, 24: O wretched man that I am! Who shall *deliver me from the body of this death*?

Is. 25, 8: He will *swallow up death* in victory.

1 Cor. 15, 26, 54: The last enemy that shall be *destroyed is death* (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, *Death is swallowed up* in victory.

Rev. 21, 4: And there shall be *no more death*.

Rev. 20, 14: And *death* and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

Luke 20, 36: *Neither CAN they die any more*; for they are equal unto the angels, and are the children of God, being *the children of the resurrection*.

10.

1 Thess. 4, 17: And so shall we *ever be with the Lord*.

Rev. 3, 5, 12: And I will *not blot out his name out of the book of life*. (12) Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and *he shall go no more out*.

11.

Acts 20, 32: And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an *inheritance* among all them which are sanctified.

Hebr. 1, 14: Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be *heirs of salvation*?

Hebr. 9, 15: That . . . they which are called might receive the promise of *eternal inheritance*.

Eph. 1, 14: Which is the earnest of *our inheritance*.

1 Pet. 5, 9: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Pet. 1, 4: To an *inheritance* incorruptible.

12.

1 Cor. 13, 10, 12: But *when that which is PERFECT is come*, then that which is in part shall be done away. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: *now I know in part*; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

2 Tim. 4, 18: The Lord shall *deliver* me from EVERY *evil work*.

13.

2 Cor. 12, 2, 4: I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. (4) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard *unspeakable words*, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Matt. 13, 43: Then shall the righteous shine forth *as the sun* in the kingdom of their Father.

14.

1 Cor. 15, 41, 42: There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.

15.

Matt. 25, 14—23. (Parable of the talents.)

Rev. 14, 13: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and *their works do follow them*.

Rev. 22, 12: And, behold, I come quickly; and *my reward is with me*, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Matt. 10, 42: And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, *verily*, say unto you, *he shall in no wise lose his reward*.

Matt. 19, 29: And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, *shall receive an hundredfold*, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mark 9, 41: For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily, I say unto you, *he shall not lose his reward.*

2 Cor. 9, 6: But this I say, He which *soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly*; and he which *soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

16.

See CHRISTOLOGY on the royal office of Christ, §§ 126—129.

17.

Matt. 25, 14—23. (Parable of the talents.)

2 Tim. 4, 7, 8: I have *fought a good fight*, I have *finished my course*, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the *righteous Judge*, shall *give me* at that day, and not to me only, but *unto all them also that love His appearing.*

18.

Ps. 126, 2, 3: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Rev. 4, 10, 11: The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rev. 5, 8—12: And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

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