

## Only God Can Judge Me | Week 3

*The Creed reminds us that Jesus, who ascended and is seated at the right hand of the Father, will return to judge the living and the dead. This judgment isn't about fear for the believer, but about accountability and the incredible grace that allows our names to be found in the Book of Life. We know what we believe, and if we really believe it, it changes the way we live. To believe is to trust, and to trust is to obey.*

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- What is a favorite gift you have ever received?
- Is confession a regular part of your time with God? If yes, what does that look like for you? If not, how might you start?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

### [Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [2 Peter 3:9](#).
- You can read along with the Apostles' Creed on the screen, or you can download it [HERE](#).

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. Thinking about Jesus as judge, what thoughts come to your mind?

*Scripture Observation:*

2. Read [2 Corinthians 5:10](#). What does the phrase "receive what is due us for the things done while in the body" suggest about the purpose of the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers?
3. Read [Revelation 20:12-15](#). What is the significance of the "Book of Life" compared to the other "books" mentioned that record what people had done?

*Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:*

4. Read [2 Corinthians 5:21](#). How does this verse provide the "key" to standing before a holy God? How does Jesus "becoming sin for us" change our standing in the judgment?

## *Personal Application:*

5. To believe is to trust, and to trust is to obey. How does the reality of a future judgment motivate our obedience today? Is it possible to be "saved by grace" but still "judged by works"?
6. Knowing that we will all give an account, is there an area of your life where you sense God asking you to trust and obey Him?
7. When you think about future judgment, who in your life are you concerned about? Have you ever shared with them how Jesus has changed your life or invited them to join you at church?

## Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your time in prayer. You can use your own words or these words:

*Jesus, thank You that You are a just and holy Judge. Thank You that You are our Savior who took our sin so we could have Your righteousness. Help us to live with an eternal perspective, making choices that honor You. We pray for those we know whose names are not yet in the Book of Life. Give us courage and opportunities to share Your grace with them this week. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## For Further Exploration

- Complete a ["Share Your Faith " Bible reading plan](#) to help you understand and share your faith.
- Explore the topic of Biblical Justice in these Bible Project videos:
  - [Biblical Justice](#)
  - [The Day of the Lord](#)
- Continue to work on memorizing [the Apostles' Creed](#).
- Follow along with the **Daily Reading Plan in the SV app** for daily bible study related to the weekend message. (*Find it on the Media Feed page at the top*)

