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God's judgment Pt 1 – God's judgment is according to Christ.

Today we begin a new topic – God's judgment. According to the Oxford dictionary "judgment" is a "sentence of court of justice". In the world each country's government sets the laws for "right" and "wrong" from which the court makes judgments. But as we have seen, especially over the past ten years – what was once "wrong" is now "right". In this teaching we establish that the judgment of God is based on righteousness, truth and the gospel that the risen Lord gave to Paul.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. The judgment of God is according to righteousness.

"And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness" (Ps.9: 8). See also 1Kgs.8: 32.

David besought the Lord to "Judge me...according to thy righteousness" (Ps.35: 24).

The Lord Jesus warned – "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (Jn.7: 24). The righteousness of God "is very high" (Ps.71: 19). "Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?" (Rom3: 5). And "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom.10: 4). Hence the judgment of God is according to the righteousness of His Son.

2. The judgment of God is according to truth.

"But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things" (Rom.2: 2).

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (Jn.17: 17). The Lord Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn.14: 6). Hence the judgment of God is according to the truth of the scriptures and His Son.

3. The judgment of God is according to Paul's gospel.

"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Rom. 2: 16).

The gospel that Paul preached (1Cor.15: 1–4) he "neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal.1: 12). Hence the judgment of God is according to the gospel of His Son.

Additional comments on our points.

We are received into the body of Christ when we believe the gospel of Christ crucified, and we are judged according to His righteousness and His truth. And God's judgment on the lost is on the basis of them first rejecting His Son ("Of sin, because they believe not on me" – Jn.16: 9), and according to His truth, and His righteousness.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

A preacher spoke with a young Christian lady on the street who told the preacher that God will not judge the sodomite because science has proved that a person is born a sodomite.

Question to think about.

If God's judgment is according to truth and righteousness which do not change, then how can God's judgment on the sodomite be anything different to His word, just because of science?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

God's judgment does not change according to science, but rather when we turn to the scriptures of truth we establish a warning to avoid "profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1Tim.6: 20). Let us remember that according to the scriptures God's judgment is on the basis of God's Son (who does not change) and His word which is "settled in heaven" (Ps.119: 89) and therefore cannot change because of science or man's inventions (Ps.106: 39). Amen!