Christian Doctrine The End Times (Part 7) A Glorious Future

Resurrection, Judgment and Eternity Future

A day will come when the dead will be raised and stand before God. This will be followed by the eternal state.

> Future Resurrection and Judgment

The dead will be raised and a judgment will come:

- For the believers
 - > Believers, who will either be raised from the dead or raptured, will receive a new, <u>glorified</u> body (I Cor. 15:50-55; I John 3:2).
 - > We will stand before the <u>Judgment Seat</u> of Christ to give account for how we lived (II Cor. 5:10). This is apparently prior to Rev. 19:6-9, where there is a marriage supper in heaven. This is not a time of condemnation, but rewards (Rom. 8:1; I Cor. 3:12-15).
- For the unsaved
 - > Unbelievers will be judged according to their works at the <u>Great White Throne</u> Judgment, and then cast into the lake of fire (Rom. 2:5-9; Rev. 20:11-15).
 - Eternal punishment is in a real place of unquenchable fire and unending <u>torment</u>, often referred to as hell (Matt. 25:30, 41; Mark 9:43, 48; Rev. 21:8).

All Things Made New

Scripture reveals that our eternal home will be in the new heaven and earth (Is. 66:22; Rev. 21), consisting of:

- The New Jerusalem
 - Our eternal home will be in a <u>city</u>, which will descend out of heaven and shine with the <u>glory</u> of God. It will be about <u>1,400</u> square miles and made of gold, jewels and pearls. God and His people will dwell together (<u>II</u> <u>Pet. 3:13</u>; <u>Rev. 21:1-3</u>, 9-27).
 - > All things will be made new. There will be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain (Rev. 21:4-5).
- The Throne of God
 - > God's throne will be in the city. A river, called the water of <u>life</u>, will flow from the throne. The <u>tree</u> of <u>life</u> will also be there (Rev. 22:1-2).
 - > As believers, we shall <u>serve</u> God and <u>reign</u> with Him forever (Rev. 22:3-5).