Pardon Me: The Great-White-Throne Summons

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Introduction

1. When Do Believers Learn of their Pardon?

- A. Upon issuance (at the great white throne)
- B. After issuance (at the great white throne)
- C. Upon issuance (at the moment of believing Jesus' promise)

Does John 5:24 promise exemption from:

- A. the great white throne (GWT)?
- B. the lake of fire (LoF)?
- C. the GWT and the LoF?
- D. the GWT and (implicitly) the LoF?

...the *one* who listens to My word and believes the *One* who sent Me has everlasting life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

2. Is the GWT a Judgment of: (A) the Quick? (B) the Dead? (3) Both?

¹² And I saw <u>the dead</u>—the great and the small—standing before the throne, and they opened books. And another book—which is *the Book* of Life—was opened. And <u>the dead</u> were judged by the things which had been written in the books—according to their works. ¹³ The sea gave *over* <u>the dead</u> who were in it, and Death and Hades gave *over* <u>the dead</u> who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. (Rev 20:12-13)

₂₈ Do not be shocked *at* this, because an hour is coming in which <u>all those in the tombs</u> will hear His voice _{29a} and will come forth— (John 5:28-29a)

Excursus: By contrast the Sheep/Goats Judgment only judges _____

3. Will the GWT Summon: (A) Saints? (B) Unbels? (C) Both?

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Excursus: Definition of appear in court. (In this paper, "appear" is a technical term)

Excursus: Will millennial saints appear as defendants at the GWT?

4. When (in the Sequence of Resurrections) is the GWT?

1-A. Jesus raised the third day: No dispute

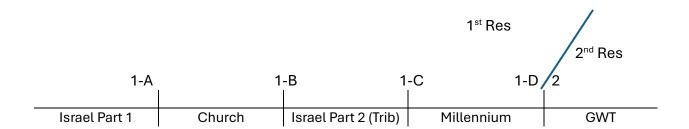
1-B. Pre-tribulation rapture: Can discuss this in Q and A

1-C-1. Tribulation saints: As Millennium starts

1-C-2. Old Testament saints: As Millennium starts (speaker's view)

1-D. Millennial saints: As Millennium starts (speaker's view)

2. Unbelievers: Great White Throne



Implication: Only one group of people will still be in tombs attects John 5:28-29

Old Testament People: Believers ●O Unbelievers ●

Church Age People: Believers ●O Unbelievers ●

Tribulational People: Believers ●O Unbelievers ●

Millennial People: Believers ●O Unbelievers ●

 $_{28}$...an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs [unbelievers] will hear His voice $_{29}$ and will come forth—

those who have done good things, unto the resurrection of life; but

those who have done substandard *things*, unto *the* resurrection of judgment." See my article: "To Be (or Not to Be) Summoned to the Final Judgment," *JOTGES* 35 (Autumn 2022): 15-30.

5. What Is the Significance of the GWT Judging Works, Not Sins?

6. How Does One's Name Become Written in the Scroll of Life?

Conclusion