

**Praxis Series  
Judgment  
08/05/23  
Newport News**

**Opening**

- financial update
- new series...taking us through most of September
- (let's watch this brief video)

**Introduction**

**-You and I must decide what we believe is waiting for us after we die, because what we believe about that day should ultimately determine how we live out our lives between now and then.** (work this, walk out a timeline...etc.)

-(simplicity of video...will you live your way or God's way...from Genesis to Revelation constantly comparing and contrasting those two choices!)

-(participation moment...a word to describe people in Bible who chose God's way)

**-Romans 2:5-11**

- **judgment is waiting for us all**
- God's way – **glory, honor, immortality, peace**
  - **(build out definitions for each)**
- Our way – **terrible punishment, anger, wrath, trouble, calamity**
  - **BAD!**

**Jesus & Judgment**

**-Matthew 16:24-27**

- **judgment** (same as Romans 2)
- **according to our deeds** (Romans 2 says “according to what they have done” NASB also uses the word “deeds”)
- **all gained vs. all lost**

## Important Question

**-So are we saying access to Heaven is based on deeds, works, what we do?**

*-Whenever the Bible appears to contradict itself, we haven't found a mistake in the Bible, on the contrary, the Bible has found a mistake in our understanding!*

**-John 3:16** (same person as Matthew 16)

**-Ephesians 2:8-10** (same person as Romans 2) **(OUR MESSAGE!!!)**

*-Being judged by God is waiting for all of us when we die. We are judged first regarding whether or not we have embraced The Gospel, meaning have we made a vow of devotion to Jesus. This first judgment determines our eternity, Heaven or Hell. Then, even though Heaven is promised to us, we still have to give an account for our lives regarding what we did with the salvation God gave to us.*

-(talk about we all have purposes, created by God...for me, to get you ready for that day, for that conversation with God...**do you know Jesus and are you becoming like Him?**)

*-Now you might say...wait a minute, I thought the second part of that sentence should read “and are you doing good deeds?”*

*(you can do lots of good deeds and still not become like Him!)*

## Praxis **(show series signature slide)**

**-ergon vs. praxis...**

-ergon is a generic word with a focus on the deed itself (Paul's word)

-BUT Paul gets there...you have to keep reading Romans!

-Jesus uses the word “praxis” because Jesus is putting ALL of Romans in ONE verse...**did you do that good deed because you are good person?**

## **Band**

-Good deeds should flow from our lives like a waterfall, not because they save us, NO...but because of who Jesus is inside of us!

-read **24 virtues**

## **Close**

-Acts 17:31

-Tell story of Jeri Muro giving up her balloon...you see, we all should long to hear God say to us “well done my good and faithful servant” not to stroke our spiritual ego but rather to give our Heavenly Father the gift of a glad heart.