

KNOW AND TELL THE GOSPEL

Part 4: Box 3 Judgement

INTRODUCTION

1. The gospel is...

2. TWTL is...

EXERCISE

*In pairs one person present the first three boxes to the other.
What was good? What could be improved?*

Two Ways To Live Outline

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BOX 3: JUDGEMENT

WHY IT MATTERS

1. Logically

1 Timothy 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

2. Humanly

Proverbs 20:23 Unequal weights are an abomination to the LORD, and false scales are not good.

3. Theologically

Isaiah 61:8 “For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity.”

Romans 3:26 ...he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

THE MAIN IDEAS

1. We are not victims but culprits

Mark 7:20 “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ 21 For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”



2. Sin makes us enemies of God

3. God punishes sin with death

Genesis 2:17 "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

4. God punishes sin with more sin

Romans 1:18-28 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness... Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity... Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts... and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion... Furthermore... he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not be done.

5. God punishes sin after death

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgement will be revealed.

Acts 17:31 "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Hebrews 9:27 "Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement."



WHAT THE WORLD THINKS

1. How can a God of love send people to hell?

2. All paths lead to God

1 Timothy 2:4 Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

3. Purgatory, re-incarnation etc.

CONCLUSION

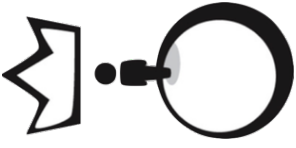
Box 1: Creation teaches us who God is and who we are in relation to him

Box 2: In the light of creation we can understand the nature and seriousness of sin

Box 3: God's judgement makes sense in the light of creation and sin




Two Ways To Live Outline



**1. God is the loving ruler of the world.
He made the world.
He made us rulers of the world under him.**

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being"
Revelation 4:11

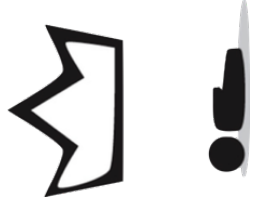
But is that the way it is now?



**2. We all reject the ruler - God - by trying to run life our own way without him.
But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.**

"There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away." Romans 3:10-12

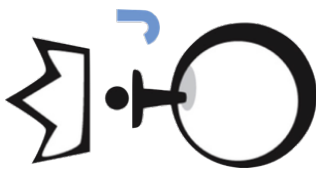
What will God do about this rebellion?



**3. God wont let us rebel for ever,
God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgment.**

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God's justice sounds hard. But..



**4. Because of his love, God sent his son into the world: the man Jesus Christ.
Jesus always lived under God's rule.
Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness.**

"Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

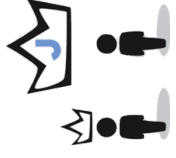
But that's not all...



**5. God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world.
Jesus has conquered death, now gives life, and will return to judge.**

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Well where does that leave us?



6. The two ways to live

**A) Our way: reject the ruler - God.
Result: Condemned by God, facing death and judgment.**

**B) God's new way: Submit to Jesus as our ruler. Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection.
Result: Forgiven by God, Given eternal life.**

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." John 3: 36

Which of these represents the way you want to live?