

DAY 3

“The Bible talks about a future judgment that will carry with it eternal consequences for all of humanity.”



Revelations 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Scriptures tell us there will be a coming judgment. It tells us that there are consequences for our actions not just right now on this earth, but also for the future.

Watching Chan speak in this video and reading Revelations 20:11-15 are there any new questions or feelings that come to mind regarding God's character? If so, explain.

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

How would you explain a God who is described as love itself throwing people not written in the book of Life into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15)?



Francis Chan described God as looking at the world and saying, “I love them and I don’t want to punish them,’ so here is what I’m going to do, I’m going to show love to them like no one has ever shown love to them before. I’m going to have my son die on the cross for their sins.”

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Sin, as defined in the Bible, can really just mean to miss the mark. The mark, in this case, is the standard of perfection established by God and seen through the person of Jesus. Viewed in that light, it is clear that we are all sinners.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Apostle Paul tells us that the wages for our sin, which all of us have committed, is death.

Based on what you know about the character of God, why does he take sin so seriously?

“The great news is that Jesus was raised from death to life and he is alive today!”



In the video Francis Chan talked about the idea of taking his own son to Death Row, showing him all the inmates that committed some of the most heinous crimes imaginable, then looking into his son's eyes and telling him that he loves those criminals so much that he is going to send him to be tortured, spit upon, cursed, made fun of and finally dying by being nailed to the cross for their freedom.

If you are a parent or could imagine being one for a moment, would you be able to tell your child that you were going to send him or her to suffer the way Jesus did for rapist, murders, thieves, liars, gossipers, adulterers, etc.?

How does the love of a Parent that would allow their only child to take your punishment for you impact your life?

Romans 3:26

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

How does Jesus show that he is both “just and the justifier” and why is this understanding of God significant in helping us understand who God, the creator of all that exists, is?



We all have secrets; we all have things we are ashamed of. We all have things we've done in our lifetime that we don't want anyone to ever know about, yet God knows all.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Becoming a Christian is this moment in time where you recognize personally, “I sin, I’m a sinner, I need a Savior, and Jesus came to be my Savior.”

The sooner you embrace the fact that you’re a sinner, the sooner you are enabled to engage in God’s free gift of salvation towards you. The sooner you’re able to experience his forgiveness and his pardon for sin, the sooner you’re able to engage in a personal relationship with a Savior. Because at the cross, Jesus took your shame, and Jesus took your guilt, and Jesus took your blinders off so that you can now see the true light of Christ. Salvation starts the minute you commit your life to Christ. Eternal life surrounded in God’s love!