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C. J. Grimes

Graduating December 16, 2018

Brother Grimes is originally from Kansas. He met his future wife, Kelcey Anderson, at the University of Oklahoma, from where he graduated with a BS in health and exercise science (2011). The two were married on May 26, 2012, and moved to Lakeland, Florida, about a month later, placing membership with the South Florida Avenue church of Christ. They have one daughter, Avery, and expect another Dec. 4, 2018. Before enrolling at FSOP, C. J. worked as a head coach for Gymnastics, Etc. Beginning January 2019, he will work with the Sebring Parkway church of Christ as their youth and family minister. We look forward to the great things God will do through C. J.

How Will Jesus Judge?

Brian R. Kenyon

That Jesus will judge the world on the last day is clear. Paul told the Romans about a “day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel” (Rom. 2:16). He also solemnly charged Timothy “before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom” (2 Tim. 4:1). A few verses later, Paul referred to the crown that “the Lord, the righteous Judge” would give him “on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8). Before the philosophers in the Areopagus, Paul mentioned “a day on which He [God] will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead”

(Acts 17:31). Jesus himself also declared he would be the Judge (Mt. 7:21-23; 25:31-46).

Perhaps the richest context about Jesus as Judge is John 5:19-30. These verses naturally outline themselves by John’s use of “Most assuredly [Verily, verily, KJV]” (Jn. 5:19, 24, 25). Also of interest, when speaking of himself, Jesus used the third person (“the Son ... He”) in John 5:19-23; he used the first person (“My ... Me”) in John 5:24; he went back to the third person (“Son of God ... Son ... Son of Man ... His voice”) in John 5:25-29; and then he concluded with the first person, “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me” (Jn. 5:30). In the context, Jesus was

showing that he and the Father were one. Although the Jewish opposition would disagree, Jesus showed that no one could truly accept the Father without accepting the Son, and no one could reject the Son without actually rejecting the Father! Jesus used three aspects of his judgment at the last day to prove the point and thus answer how he will judge.

According to the Father's will

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (Jn. 5:19-23)

Contrary to popular thought, Jesus could not nor cannot do anything, including judging the world, against the Father's will (cf. Jn. 6:38; Mt. 20:23; Lk. 23:43). Yes, "the Son gives life to whom He will" (Jn. 5:21), but on what basis is the Son's will? His will is identical to the Father's will (Jn. 5:19)!

ing life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (Jn. 5:24)

The words of Jesus are on par with the words and will of the Father! Later, Jesus said:

And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak. (Jn. 12:47-50)

Every Person Individually

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (Jn. 5:25-29)

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Based On Jesus' Own Words

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlast-

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January 21-24, 2019

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Monday

- 9:00 Purpose and Function of Civil Government Stephen Atnip
9:40 Evil Influences and the State Jeff Miller
10:20 BREAK
10:50 "Separation of Church and State" David W. Hester
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Civil States of Mind

- 1:30 Learning to Respect Authority Hiram Kemp
2:00 The Right Time to Rebel Forest Antemesaris
2:30 Counter-Culture Character Caleb Glenn Coley
3:30 **Ladies Class:** Christian Involvement with Politics Sheila Butt
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Joseph Dylan Johns
7:45 Resisting Radicalization Sidney Moore

Tuesday

- 9:00 Civil Leaders Who Disobeyed God Jason Jackson
9:40 The Christian and Voting David W. Hester
10:20 BREAK
10:50 Civil State Challenges in Revelation 2-3 Dewayne Bryant
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Christians and Culture

- 1:30 Holidays: Secular or Sacred? Bruce Daugherty
2:00 Gender Roles in Religion Emmanuel Daugherty
2:30 Civil Law and Marriage Vince Daugherty
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Daniel Andrae L. Smith
7:45 Submitting to Jesus as King Jimmy Clark

Wednesday

- 9:00 When Civil Disobedience Is Scriptural Jason Jackson
9:40 How Should "Society" Respond to Homosexuality (1)? G. Beals
10:20 BREAK
10:50 "Render to Caesar" Jimmy Clark
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Civil Questions of Life and Death

- 1:30 Is Abortion a Right to Choose? Melvin Sapp
2:00 Is Capital Punishment Scriptural? William Howard
2:30 Can a Christian "Bear the Sword"? Jake Sutton
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Nehemiah Will Vann
7:45 Christianity and Patriotism Bill Davis

Thursday

- 9:00 Evangelism and Civil Government Shane Fisher
9:40 How Should "Society" Respond to Homosexuality (2)? G. Beals
10:20 BREAK
10:50 The Bible and "Social Issues" Melvin L. Otey
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Controversial Civil Circumstances

- 1:30 Preaching That Disturbs the Status Quo Niipaak Laar
2:00 Christians Taking Christians to Court David Stearsman
2:30 When Involvement with "Social Issues" Goes Too Far S. Moore
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Mordecai and Esther H. Kemp
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2019 Book Dedication


Every year our lectureship book is dedicated to those who have had a positive impact on the school. In keeping with our 50th school-year anniversary, this year's book is dedicated to those who founded the school a half century ago.



1995 Lectureship Book Dedication. Bob McAnally (left), preacher for the South Florida Avenue church of Christ and editor of the FSOP lectureship book, presents the book to V. P. Black (center), influential Gospel preacher, writer, and fund raiser for Christian education, while B. C. Carr (right), long-time director of FSOP, looks on.

(continued from page 2) No one will escape this day! John also saw the “great white throne” of God with “the dead, small and great, standing before God” and “they were judged, each one according to his works” (Rev. 20:11-15). All people “must ... appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor. 5:10)!

Conclusion

Jesus is the only true hope people can have on the last day. All people must die, then face judgment (Heb. 9:27). Jesus, however, died to save God's people from judgment (Heb. 9:28). Are we among “those who eagerly wait for Him”? If not, let us obey Jesus' will and continue to “walk in the light.” 



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