Hot Handout

**God as Judge**

Key Words:

Hebrews - a book of the New Testament written by an unknown author to Jewish people who believed in Jesus

Matthew - the Gospel of Matthew (life story of Jesus)

Judgement Day - the end of the world spoken of in the Bible where everyone who has ever lived is judged by God

Parable of the Sheep and the Goats – a story told by Jesus about Judgement Day in which goats represent the damned and sheep represent the saved

repentance - turning away from sin

Romans - a book of the New Testament written by the Apostle Paul to Christians who lived in Rome

the Second Coming - an occasion prophesied in the New Testament when Jesus will return to judge the earth – (The first coming was when he was born in Bethlehem.)

those who are in Christ Jesus = Christians (Romans 8:1)

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**A. Judgment Day**

**All Christians:**

1. On Judgement Day **God will judge everyone** who has ever lived. Man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment.

(Hebrews 9:27)

1. **Jesus will come back**. This is called the Second Coming.
2. All of the **dead will be raised** in order to be judged.
3. The Parable of **the** **Sheep and the Goats** in Matthew 25 talks about how those who are true Christians have **done good to others** (the sheep) and will go to **heaven**.
4. They are saved not *because* of their good deeds because their good deeds cannot take away their sin. Rather, their good deeds are *sign* that their sins have already been forgiven and they are already saved by the grace of God.
5. Those who have **not done good** to others are false Christians and will go to **hell**.
6. **Doing good to others = doing good to Jesus**. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)
7. However, **God is loving** and forgiving.
8. Those who are genuinely sorry for their sins and have turned to Jesus will be **forgiven** and go to heaven. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

Therefore:

Christians believe that there is a **connection between repentance** in this life and **going to heaven**.

Therefore:

They **try to live moral lives** pleasing to God and doing good to others, e.g.:

* + - * 1. Not getting **drunk**;
        2. Not having **sex outside of marriage**;
        3. Looking after those who are **sick**;
        4. Helping those **in need**;
        5. Giving money to charities that work with the **poor**.

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