

I. Hopeless are all who stand trial for their sin without an advocate (v.1-11)

- **Q. Do you have an Advocate who stands before God's judgement seat on your behalf?** Do you have faith in the One — Jesus Christ—who lived the honorable life you should have lived and died the horrific death you should have died? Do you trust in the One who worked perfectly for you so that you would be counted righteous and forgiven of your sin?
- **Q. Can you hear the words of the Apostle John and take comfort?** “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
1 JOHN 2:1
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II. Hopeless are all who will not part with sin (v.12-13)

- **MARK 9:43, 45, 47-48** “And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”
- **If you will not part with you sin you will not be parted from sorrow!** If you will not part with transgression you will not be parted from terror! If you will not part with wrongdoing you will not be parted from wrath! If you will not part with injustice you will not be parted with judgement!

III. Hopeless are all who rage against the justice of the LORD (v.13-46)

- **REVELATION 19:11-16** **11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. **14** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

IV. Hopeless are all who will try to do the LORD's work in their own strength (v.26-28)

- **Because even our best works are yet tainted with sin, they must all be purified with the blood of the sin offering!**
- **We must be strong in the strength of His might!**
- **PSALM 20:7** “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”

V. Hopeful are all who take refuge under the Rock (v.47-48)

- **PSALM 2** “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way. For His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.”
- **John Bunyan**, “So I saw in my dream that the man began to run. Now he had not run far from his own door, but his wife and children, perceiving it, began to cry after him to return; but the man put his fingers in his ears, and ran on crying, Life! life! eternal life! So he looked not behind him, but fled towards the middle of the Plain. The Neighbors also came out to see him run; and as he ran, some mocked, others threatened, and some cried after him to return . . .”