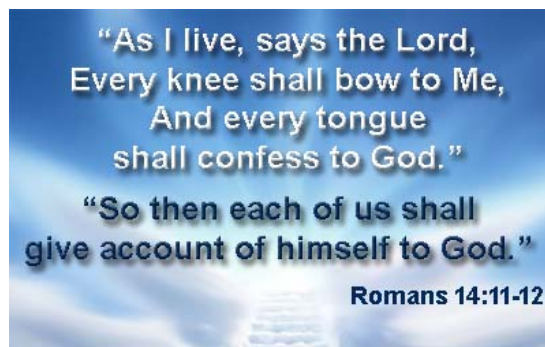




How does God declare and require that we be accountable to Him?

Jeremiah 17:10, "I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

As such:

1 Samuel 16:7, "The LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Hebrews 4:13, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account."

1 Peter 4:5, "They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead."

What's more?

Hebrews 9:27-28, "Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

Why?

Romans 14:10, "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

With the result that:

Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul who sins shall die." "The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself."

Revelation 20:15, "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

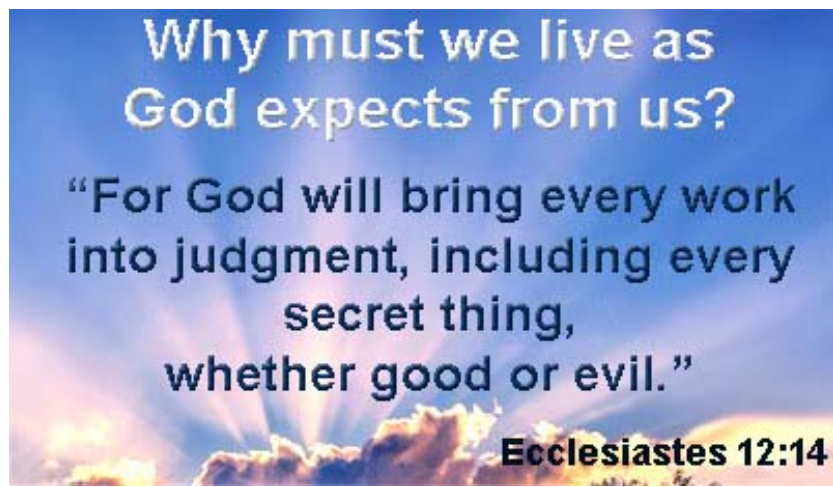
Therefore:

Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

Clear enough?

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Why must we be accountable to God?

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Luke 12:34, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

As such:

Romans 8:7, "The carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."

Romans 3:19, "The law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God."

Hebrews 4:13, "No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

What's more?

Romans 1:20, "Since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

Therefore and as Jesus said:

Matthew 12:36, "I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."

Am I truly in Christ and steadfast in following Him as Lord?

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HOW DOES ACCOUNTABILITY WORK WITH GOD?

**“Each one's work will become
manifest, for the Day will disclose
it, because it will be revealed
by fire, and the fire will test what
sort of work each one has done.”**

1 Corinthians 3:13

What does being accountable to God imply?

Matthew 12:36-37, “I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The reason the apostle John speaking of Jesus said:

1 John 2:4-6, “He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

As such:

Ephesians 6:12, “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

1 Corinthians 14:33, “God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace.”

1 John 2:3, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.”

And as the apostle Paul said:

2 Corinthians 5:21, “He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Therefore:

Proverbs 28:13, “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.”

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HOW MUST I LIVE IN READINESS FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD?

**“Let the Word of Christ dwell in
you richly in all wisdom, teaching
and admonishing one another
in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with
grace in your hearts to the Lord.”**

Colossians 3:16

How must we so live to account to God?

Proverbs 3:1-6, “My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, *and* so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

As such:

Hebrews 10:23-25, “Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 6:14-16, “Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”

In other words:

James 4:7, “Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
Do I?

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OUR DUTY TO CHRIST FOR THE WORLD AROUND US

“Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

1 Peter 3:15

What are our duties to the Body of Christ?

Hebrews 3:12-13, “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Galatians 6:1-2, “If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

As such:

James 5:19-20, “If anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

Therefore:

Galatians 5:25-26, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

Ephesians 4:25, “*Let each one of you* speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11, “Comfort each other and edify one another.”

How obedient am I to fulfill my duty to the Body of Christ?

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What is God's ultimate mission for us so that we may truly abide in Christ and be accountable to God?

Ephesians 4:22-24, "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

As such:

Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Ephesians 6:13, "Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

What's more?

1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

Therefore and in Jesus' own words:

Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

How accountable am I to God right now?

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