

**Summary:** SDA Fundamental 24: The judgement

**Read Before:**

**Aim:** Everything we do is recorded and we will be judged accordingly. Jesus has offered to take our punishment by dying on the cross – this is the only way we can be saved.

What is the job of a judge?

According to wiki.answers.com:

*In cases with a jury, the judge is responsible for insuring that the law is followed, and the jury determines the facts.*

*In cases without a jury, the judge also is the finder of fact and has to listen to the evidence without passing judgment until all sides of the story are heard,*

*A judge is to be impartial, fair and unbiased and to follow the laws of the state they are in.*

When someone is accused of breaking a law in Australia, the matter may go before a local court. If the local court can't resolve the case it may be taken to the district court and if it still can't be resolved it may go to the supreme or state court. Then there is the federal court which you could say is for all of Australia.

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Read Psalm 75:7

God is the judge of the universe and just like an earthly judge He is looking at the evidence (the records of what a person has done) to see if they have followed the law. – The Ten Commandments.

But as we learned last week – humans are born knowing how to be selfish and sinful, and we have to learn and work at doing what is right, so all humans have broken the law. (Romans 3:23)

Read 1 John 2:1, 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus steps in and says \_\_\_\_\_ asked me to take their place. I've forgiven their sins, and I died on the cross for their punishment.

What do you need to do if you want Jesus to take your place in the judgement?

Romans 10:9-10

You need to ask Him to take your place. – You can do this anytime.

When we try to make good choices and do what is right we are showing that we love Jesus. When you make a mistake, you need to ask Jesus to forgive you, and sometimes we make mistakes without even know we are making mistakes - Jesus knows about them too and will forgive for these mistakes too.

1 John 1:9

We don't have to think of the judgement as if it's some scary test that we need to pass – Jesus has already passed it, we just need to ask Him to do it for us.

Romans 8:1

John 15:15

Jesus wants to be our best friends – He wants us to talk to Him every day about what has happened and how we feel; He also wants us to thank Him for the wonderful things He has given us – this helps us remember that God has give us so many things. He wants us to ask for forgiveness and to ask Him to help us. Then we will become more and more like Jesus.