**Mike Hipes – Facebook Lesson, October 15, 2020**

Good Afternoon!

Confirming a judge to the Supreme Court is serious business! However, when you hear the words “The Judge” many things may come to mind! You may have thought of the muscle car made by Pontiac, the 1969 GTO nicknamed “The Judge” or possibly the words of Bruce Willis in the 1998 film Armageddon when referring to the super drill needed to bore a hole on an asteroid heading for the earth when he said, unpack “The Judge.” Biblically speaking, you may have gravitated to the bible recalling an entire book written on this topic covering a host of individuals who served as judges called “Judges.” Finally, the most important one referred to who held this position, in addition to other capacities as well is “The Lord Himself who is our Judge!”

The fact is that the Lord is Judge, and His word is what will judge us! Listen to these passages that speak to this.

· “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.” John 12:48

· “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us.” Isaiah 33:22

· “There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy.” James 4:12

This week, in the government, the honorable Judge Amy Cony Barrett is in the midst of going through a process of being confirmed to the Supreme Court to become one of 9 Justices. I watched a news reporter the other day do a street survey asking random people about the Supreme Court and the number of Justices who served in this capacity. Approximately 6 or 7 folks were asked if they knew how many sat on the Supreme Court. Answers varied from 25 to less than 9. Only one person got it correct. There are many things that the public may or may not know about justices and the words of the constitution that they are called to use as the final standard to adhere to, as well as our need to live by, however, although 9 justices preside in their capacity for life, the Lord is our eternal high Judge and our obedience to His word will affect our eternal life!

The great news for Christians is that because of God’s love we can have confidence in the day of judgment when we stand before Him based on His written word! John tells us that “By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.” I John 4:17-18. The apostle Paul put it this way in Romans 8:1-2, “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.” Finally, Mark in his gospel in chapter 16:16 says, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

Praise God for our resurrected Lord and Savior and eternal judge Jesus Christ! Praise God for the result for those who believe in Him! “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” John 5:24.

To God be the glory!

Blessings,

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