According to the Scriptures there is a Tribulation period coming which is a period of Judgment. Only unbelievers, described as a flood of people that are against God, will come under His judgment during that time. It is clear, at the beginning of the Tribulation period, however, that the LORD will seal 144,000 direct descendants of Jacob, who is Israel, at His own command. Those twelve tribes of Israel are, unknowingly, the remnant whom God has promised to preserve during the latter days. According to God's Word, He will fulfill the days of Jacob's transgressions during the last seven years of the history of man upon the earth. However, according to His promise, His fierce wrath will not touch those 144,000 elect in those latter days. This is the rehearsal of those judgment periods of the past in which the Word reveals that only the wicked in the world perish during those days of punishment. Two other men, who are witnesses, shall enter into the Tribulation period. They will be killed in the streets of Jerusalem, but the remnant will endure to the end in Mount Zion where the LORD will provide for them during that second half of the Tribulation period in which the LORD will pour out His wrath upon all of the wicked.

As with those 144,000 who are sealed, God has always made His elect to be exempt from His wrath. As seen through rehearsals of the Bible, Noah was justified by God and exempt from destruction of the flood. Those who were saints during the period leading up to the day of the flood died before the flood occurred being precluded from His wrath. Abraham's nephew, Lot, was exempt from the LORD's destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Rahab and her family were excluded from being destroyed at Jericho because she was, also, justified by her faith in the LORD.

Those who are justified by faith are exempt from God's judgment. These who are justified by faith are at peace with God. Thus, God does not pour out His wrath upon those at peace with Him. The Scriptures speak clearly that the saints, who have peace with God, are justified by faith.

Romans 5

¹ Therefore being <u>justified</u> by faith, we have <u>peace</u> with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

We should understand that the word "justified" means "rendered righteous." Our always faithful LORD in our lives renders us justified, righteous, innocent, and perfect in the inner man. He does not then alter His decision so as to find us again guilty and imperfect. What God has done shall be and cannot be altered by man and will not be altered by God according to His Word. God never changes.

He has made us to be at peace with Him by His own Works, according to His own purpose, for His glory and the glorification of the saints whom He, alone, has chosen before the foundation of the world. He has made us to be at peace with Him. "Peace" is what we have in Christ eternally and it means that we are secured eternally. We are justified, i.e., rendered as without sin and innocent according to the Work of God in us. Thus, those who are justified by faith in God are at peace with Him and exempt from God's wrath in judgment. In fact, as in the days of Noah, even those who are justified in these last days are exempt from judgment. Further, those who are justified, God has with prejudgment,

precluded them from entering into the Judgment. They should not enter into the Tribulation or the Judgment of God after being justified in their lives.

It is the wicked upon which the evil should be destroyed. They then only await the final judgment of the LORD and execution of the sentence of God.

The Bible is replete with examples that those who are justified by faith who should not have to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ because the saints, have already stood before the LORD in this life. God has exonerated all saints from the foundation of the world for all sins past, present, and future. Thus, it is doctrinally evident that we saints have already stood before the judgment seat in this life.

Therefore, the saints, whom God has chosen, He has made acceptable to Him by His grace.

Ephesians 1

⁶ To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Accepted – NT:5487 χαριτόω **charitoo** (khar-ee-to'-o); from NT:5485; to grace, i.e. endue with special honor:

KJV - make accepted, be highly favoured.

We are endued with holiness by the LORD who has highly favored us above all mankind.

Truly then whom God favors He does not cease to favor. The saints He predestinated to be those He would call and justify and then glorify in the inner man and then in our flesh.

Romans 8

- ²⁹ For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- ³⁰ Moreover whom **He did predestinate**, them He also **called**: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.
- 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Thus, we who are in part perfect in the inner man, when we die, are absent of the body, this temple, and present with the LORD in Heaven. No man being born is justified to enter heaven except those who are born again into the Kingdom of GOD. It is scripturally illogical that the glorified should have to stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. We already have been glorified. So is it impossible that God would then change our glory into shame for past sins to be once again confessed before the Judge of the world? God forbid. Our God has justified us with a divine prejudgment.

We are the saints who are born again into the Kingdom of Heaven and securely sealed by THE HOLY SPIRIT, of The KING, in the inner man. Now we exist as the LORD GOD exists: Holy as He is Holy. We are perfected by the LORD, the JUST ONE, who justified all the saints. We are Not Guilty. Even now, we are made to sit with Him in heavenly places in Christ as it written in Scriptures.

Ephesians 2

- ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- And hath raised us up together [in Christ], and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

The saints are indwelled by His Promise, His earnest deposit, and wait only for the LAST DAY when the LORD shall change our physical body from dust and then, those that shall not taste of death from dust, into a glorified body. For those who have died believing in Christ, they are raised and are part of the first resurrection. Then, those that remain alive (144,000), on that LAST DAY, shall be caught up (it is the rapture). They are next, after the first resurrection, to be changed in the twinkling of an eye, into a glorified body.

Isaiah 45

²⁵ In the LORD shall **all the seed of Israel be justified**, and shall glory.

Not all of Israel was precluded from wrath in judgment, but of the true Israel, the justified, the LORD with prejudgment has preserved.

Romans 9

⁶ Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Isaiah 1

⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had **left unto us a very small remnant**, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

We are saved from the wrath of God, because He has reconciled us unto Himself. By His death we, who are justified, are reconciled unto Him.

Romans 5

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by His blood [death], we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

As Jesus Christ submitted Himself unto God, now, we also commit ourselves unto Him who judges righteously.

1 Peter 2

²³ Who, when He [Jesus] was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but **committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously:**

Being reconciled, being now justified, adjudicated innocent, according to the judgment of the LORD, we are saved from death and already have eternal life.

John 3

15 That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Further, we, whom God has determined to be justified and glorified by the LORD, are made to be kings and priests and shall reign with the LORD for one thousand (1000) years.

How is it that there are those who think we should stand before the Judgment seat of Christ after this life? Scriptures show us that we are, in fact, that saints who shall judge the wicked after this life!

1 Corinthians 6

² Do ye not know that **the saints shall judge the world**? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

We are adjudicated by the LORD. He has in this life have been already justified us and, thus, has pass judgment upon us. We are innocent and need not now further adjudication before God.

God has even marked us, by His Holy Spirit, as the righteous holy ones (justified) in this life, as those who confidently approach death knowing we shall be put off this temple (our body) and be present with the LORD who has already delivered us from prison. We are those in whom He is well pleased of us whom He has made to be "fully agreeable" with Him and for HIMSELF (unto HIS GLORY.)

2 Corinthians 5

⁵ Now He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath **given** unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home [in the kingdom] in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5 (cont)

⁹ Wherefore we labour, that, whether **present [alive] or absent [dead]**, we may be accepted of Him.

Accepted – NT:2101 εὐάρεστος euarestos (yoo-ar'-es-tos); from NT:2095 and NT:701; fully agreeable: **KJV** - acceptable (-ted), wellpleasing. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done [practiced or accomplished] in his body [alive], according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Thus, as we are accepted of Him in this life, so also we are accepted of Him after death.

Psalm 116

¹⁵ **Precious** in the sight of the LORD is the **death of His saints**.

It is by that confession in this life whereby all mankind is judged.

Saints confess He is LORD in this life and shall be saved.

Matthew 10

³² Whosoever therefore shall **confess** me before men, him will I **confess** also before my Father which is in heaven.

Romans 10

⁹ That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe in** thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

It is clear that all should stand before the judgment seat for all should confess that there is ONE LORD God who shall judge the world.

Romans 14

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead [believers who had died in Christ] and living [believers alive in Christ].

¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

¹² So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

But this does not mean that the saints have to wait for the LORD's determination or judgment in the lives of the saints. For we know PERFECTLY the redeeming work of the LORD in the lives of all the saints.

Even of those who had died before the death of Jesus on Calvary, were they justified by faith in Him who was to come. To them, did the LORD preach also after His passion, and judge them with divine prejudgment and quickened by HIS HOLY SPIRIT all those whom He had justified.

1 Peter 4

⁴ Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

⁵Who shall give account to Him that is **ready to judge the quick and the dead**.

⁶ For for this cause was the **gospel preached also to them that are dead**, that they might be <u>judged</u> according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit.

<u>Judged</u> – <u>NT:2919</u> κρίνω **krino** (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish:

KJV - avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

So the LORD judged them and sealed them by His Spirit so that they should be with Him in Heaven as the LORD decided at that time. They that were with the LORD were to be ever present with the LORD as we, today, are present with the LORD when we put off this temple. We are able to approach the throne of the Father, having been judged after the example of our LORD who committed Himself unto Himself who judges righteously. Thereby, He showed us that like Him would we too should be judged by PREDETERMINATE counsel of the LORD. It is truly for those who are justified by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God.

Acts 2

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

²³ Him, being **delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

We are even the elect (selected by God) who are reconciled unto the Father by Jesus Christ who has made us pure (holy) by His own Spirit.

1 Peter 1

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

We are the sanctified, holy ones, the saints who now wait for the completion of the redemption of the body and the fulfillment of God's determination that we shall judge the wicked as we reign with HIM for one thousand years.

For this, we, by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, are justified in our lives with divine prejudgment according to the LORD who as already promised us in this life that we should ever live eternally with Him. We are those who have stood before the Judgment seat of Christ to confessed with our mouths that He is KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS ~ JEHOVAH. Even now we, who have committed ourselves already unto His judgment, do sit with HIM in heavenly places. We cry out to our Father, who has adjudicated us INNOCENT, shall stand without blame before HIM in love. Without blame there is not any need for us to stand before the Judgment Seat.

We stand the Justified in Divine Prejudgment! Hallelujah AMEN!