

Final Judgment (Vv. 5-6)

For the Unbeliever (v. 5)

VERSE 5 **But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God** (*κατὰ δὲ τὴν σκληρότητά σου καὶ ἀμετανόητον καρδίαν θησαυρίζεις σεαυτῷ ὄργὴν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὄργῆς καὶ ἀποκαλύψεως δικαιοκρισίας τοῦ θεοῦ [prep kata according to; because of + conj. de but + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. aklerotes hardness, stubbornness; 1x + pro.gen.m.s. su + conj kai + adj.acc.f.s. ametanoetos unrepentant + noun acc.f.s. kardia heart + pres.act.ind.2s. thesaurizo store up + pro.dat.m.s. seautou yourself + noun acc.f.s. orge wrath + prep en + noun loc.f.s. hemera + noun gen.f.s. orge + conj kai + noun gen.f.s. apolalupsis revelation + noun gen.f.s. dikaiokrisia righteous judgment; 1x + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos]),*

For All (v. 6)

VERSE 6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS (*ὅς ἀποδώσει ἐκάστῳ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ [pro.nom.m.s. hos who + fut.act.ind.3s.apodidomi render, repay + adj.dat.m.s. hekastos each, every + prep kata + d.a.w/noun acc.nt.p. ergon work + pro.gen.m.s. autos]):*

ANALYSIS: VERSES 5-6

1. In these verses Paul moves the discussion to the ultimate consequences of the Jewish mind-set.
2. Paul's pronouncement is actually God's evaluation and verdict upon this judge of other men.
3. Here the Last Judgment of the unbeliever is in view, and here, as it pertains to the religious self-righteous Jew.
4. He of all men should know better.
5. His indictment/arraignment is: "because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart..."
6. "Stubbornness" (*sklerotes* 1x) has been a long-standing characteristic of the Jews throughout their history (Deut. 9:6; 13; 31:27; Ps. 81:11-12; Neh. 9:17, 29; Jer. 3:17; 7:24; 9:14; 11:8; 16:12; 18:12; 23:17; Ezek. 3:7; Zech. 7:11).
7. For another example of the stubborn heart see Ex. 7:14 (which led to the 1st plague).
8. The Jewish man is one who is stubborn, failing to recognize that he is no better than the Gentile he passes judgment on, as well as his unwillingness to recognize the significance of divine benevolence.
9. "Unrepentant heart" indicates persistent negative volition.

10. He refuses to accept the logic of all this, and in so doing, he is “storing up wrath for [himself]” for the final judgment.
11. “Storing up” is a figure of speech for treasure saved up for the future.
12. The typical Jewish mind-set is to ignore his history which details time and again that the Jews rebelled against God, and suffered, and were preserved.
13. In OT times, and especially between the two advents, he has remained unrepentant, imagining that he has a place in the kingdom of God (cf. Matt. 5:20; 23:13).
14. “In a day of wrath” refers to final judgment known as the Great White Throne Judgment of Rev. 20:11-15.
15. That “day of wrath” will be administered by Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31).
16. The subjects of that wrath will be all unbelievers of all time.
17. All who base their eternal well-being on good works will find out that their works do not add up to +R.
18. The indictment is based on the commission of the unpardonable sin, which is rejection of Christ in time.
19. The Jew with all his privileges will suffer the most on that day (cf. Lk. 10:12-16 sending out of the 70).
20. “Revelation” is used here of full disclosure, and exhibition, when all unbelieving humanity will be resurrected, and brought before the One sitting on the throne.
21. The final judgment will be in every respect a “righteousness judgment” (the hapax *dikaiokrisia*).
22. Somehow men’s works or good deeds will be set before them as per the Book of Works (Rev. 20:11-15).
23. Paul cites Ps. 62:12 to document from the OT that final judgment of based on works for all mankind.
24. This verse is also quoted by Jesus in Matt. 16:27.
25. Both believers and unbelievers will undergo a judgment of works.
26. For the unbeliever it will demonstrate that their accumulated good deeds do not add up to + R.
27. For the believer their works will be classified as either human good (no reward) or divine good production (2 Cor. 5:10).
28. All appeals by the Jewish legalistic will be rejected (Matt. 7:21-23; cp. Lk. 13:24-27).
29. All who adhere to salvation by works “are storing up” wrath (pres.act.ind. *thesaurizo* cp. Matt. 6:19//Mk. 6:20 cp. Lk. 12:21).