



Anglican Orthodox Church



The White Stone

Logos of St Andrew (Jerry Ogles)

Did you ever wonder where the term, "Black balling" came from? If you have ever been voted down from membership in an exclusive club or organization, we say that you have been "black-balled". The origin of the term has its foundation in ancient times. During Biblical times, when the religious courts sat in judgment on an individual, the judges were given a black ball and a white ball. If a judge believed the defendant to be guilty, they placed a black stone in the basket which was passed around after the charges had been heard. If a judge believed a party was innocent, he placed a white stone in the basket. If all the judges but one placed a white stone in the basket, the person was still considered guilty because of the one black stone. How unfair, but true!

One day the curtain of the sky will open and be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time will be no more, and then we will face, not many judges, but the One true Judge of the Universe - the Everlasting Father. At that time, those who have rejected Christ will be condemned to the eternal fires of hell; but those who have trusted in Him and His shed blood as a covering for their sin shall receive a "White Stone" with their new names written therein. Only one white stone - only One Judge!

If we be White Stones, we must be extracted from that Great White Alabaster Rock which is the arbiter and finisher of our Faith—Christ Jesus!

What a glorious time will it be for the Saints of God and followers of Christ!

Revelation 2:17 "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone, a new name written, which no man knoweth save he that received it."

Is your name written on a White Stone? See to it today!

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