

## THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST II Corinthians 5:10

One of the prominent doctrines of the New Testament is the doctrine of rewards and the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is a doctrine often ignored and when it is mentioned it is often misinterpreted because of the term “judgment.” To be clear, this particular judgment is not for sin examination, it is strictly for the rewards or loss of rewards for the believers during our Christian life on earth before the rapture.

**Judgment is not for sin: John 3:18; 5:24; 6:37; Rom. 5:1; 8:1; I Corinthians 11:32** All these scriptures and more teach that once we are saved *there is no more condemnation for sin.*

**I Thessalonians 2:19-20; II Timothy 4:7-8** The Apostle Paul drew great courage and motivation in his walk of faith by the fact of rewards at the return of Christ. We serve Him because we love Him, however, it is God (**Revelation 22:12**) that gives us the opportunity for rewards if we labor for Him.

### THE CERTAINTY OF JUDGMENT

**Romans 14:10-12; I Corinthians 3:12-15** We can be certain that God is a great record keeper as we know He cannot lie. There is an “*account*” of all our works and deeds while believers here on this earth being kept every day. Just like the Great White Throne Judgment, the books will be opened.

**I Corinthians 3:9; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 6:10** All through the New Testament we are reminded that God ordained us to good works and does not forget them and will reward us for each good work.

### THE JUDGE OF THE JUDGMENT

**Revelation 1:13-17** As John was being shown and instructed regarding writing the Revelation he saw the glorified Supreme Court Judge the Lord Jesus Christ and was so scared he fell down dead! Many believers today think that they will be able to bargain or make excuses on that day with the Lord.

**John 5:22-27** God the Father has turned over to the Son all judgment because it was the Son that paid the ransom for all mankind. Jesus created all things, He paid for all things and He will judge all things.

### THE JUDGMENT

**I Corinthians 4:5; II Timothy 4:8; Revelation 19:8** The time of the judgment is thought to be shortly after the rapture. It is certain to be before the Lord returns at the end of the Tribulation.

**Romans 14:10-12; I Cor. 3:12; II Cor. 5:9; I John 2:28; Titus 2:12-14** All these verses and more point to the fact that other than Jesus Christ, believers are the only ones addressed in this judgment.

**I Corinthians 3:13** Every believers works will be tested by the fiery furnace of Christ's judgment.

**Matthew 25:14-21; Luke 12:42-48;** Jesus gave many Parables in order for believers to understand how He will judge us for how we used His creation, His church, food, talents, money or people.

**Luke 19:12-17; I Corinthians 4:2** God also makes it plain that Judgment will be based on faithfulness and what we do with what we have, not what we do not have, remember the widows mite. Our Kingdom responsibilities and our eternal rewards are both based on our service for Christ on earth.

**Matthew 6:1-6; I Thessalonians 2:4; Hebrews 4:12** Any works or deeds done without having the right spiritual motive regardless of the size or scope of what is done will be burned up for no reward.

**I Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17** The key principle of the Christian life is to let every good thing we do glorify Jesus Christ, letting His Light and His Salt reflect away from us toward Him.

**I Corinthians 13:12** Here is a unique scripture that is often discussed regarding knowing each other in heaven. Here is something to think about; when we see Moses, Elijah, David or Paul what will we be thinking about them? When others see us in heaven, what will they be thinking??