

JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

LESSON 16

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"Who Will Be Judged on Judgment Day?"
"How Will This Take Place, and What Will It Involve?"

The Christian life is a series of unpredictable truths. The Bible says God's ways are not our ways because man looks on outward physical matters, while God looks at the heart attitude and operates in the spiritual realm. If you are going to serve God effectively, you must take your focus off of physical matters and concentrate on the spiritual. Your life will only make sense and have purpose and meaning as you live in the spiritual realm, focused on eternal matters rather than living in the physical realm, focused on temporal matters. II Corinthians 4:18.

This lesson is designed to keep your focus on these eternal matters by explaining your final accountability is to the LORD JESUS CHRIST as HIS servant.

- I. Who is going to be judged by God?
 - A. God will judge every human being who has ever lived. Proverbs 29:26; Hebrews 9:27
 - B. God judged the sin of the world at Calvary. By placing your faith in Jesus Christ you do not have to fear judgment of your sins because He took your judgment upon Himself. (Refer to Lesson #1.) I Peter 2:24; II Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13
 - C. Your Judgment as a Christian will be for your service to the Lord Jesus Christ after your salvation. This event is called the "Judgment Seat of Christ," and will only include those who have received Christ as Savior. II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10

NOTE. There is a separate judgment for the unsaved. This is referred to as the "Great White Throne Judgment"

- II. What will I be judged for at the judgment seat of Christ ?
 - A. You will be judged for your work as a servant of Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 3:11-15

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- B. Your work will be judged for the MOTIVE behind it and the quality as opposed to the quantity.
1. "Of what SORT" (what kind) it is. I Corinthians 3:13
 2. Heart attitudes will be more important than actual works. If the proper attitudes are developed, the proper works will come naturally. I Thessalonians 2:4; Ephesians 6:6
 3. Your focus should be more on your responsibility than the results.
- III. What are the negative consequences of this judgment?
- A. The Bible says in speaking of the Judgment Seat of Christ in II Corinthians 5:11 that the "terror of the Lord" should motivate us to serve Him and persuade others. A Christian should never fear going to hell, but there are some things to beware of in relation to the Final judgment.

Some Christians will be found:

1. Ashamed for not living for the Lord Jesus Christ at His appearing. I John 2:28
 2. Suffering loss because their works were temporal and not eternal. I Corinthians 3:15
 3. Losing rewards because they lived in sin rather than for Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 6:7-8
- B. Remember that appearances are many times very deceiving.
1. Don't be fooled by outward appearances, in your own life as well as in the lives of others. Many people only APPEAR to be servants of the Lord. Luke 16:15; I Corinthians 1:27-31; Matthew 7:21-23
 2. Be sure to invest in heavenly rewards instead of earthly rewards. The real servants of the Lord will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Matthew 6:19-20; Colossians 3:1-4
- IV. What rewards are obtainable?

The rewards obtainable at the Judgment Seat of Christ can be seen by studying the Five crowns in the New Testament:

- A. Crown of Righteousness - II Timothy 4:8 - given to those who love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.
1. The Bible closes with "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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Revelation 22:20

2. Your overriding desire should be, at all times, to be with the Lord.
Philippians 1:23-24
- B. Crown of Life - Revelation 2:10 - the martyr's crown.
 1. Also seen in James 1:12 as given to those who endure temptation.
 2. This is the same as the martyr's crown because you overcome temptation by dying to self. Romans 6:6-11
- C. Incorruptible Crown - I Corinthians 9:25 - given to those who strive for mastery and temperance.
 1. The context of I Corinthians 9:18-27 deals with temperance and self control in all matters (physical, spiritual and mental) to be a testimony to others.
 2. This is balanced by remembering that some have infirmities for the purpose of glorifying God. Paul is a great example II Corinthians 12:7-10
- D. Crown of rejoicing I Thessalonians 2:19 - soul winners crown.
 1. Given to those who win people to Jesus Christ.
Philippians 4:1
 2. Called the crown of rejoicing because it produces rejoicing in heaven and on earth when someone gets saved. Luke 15:7; Psalm 126:5-6
- E. Crown of Glory - I Peter 5: 4 - the shepherds crown.
Given to people who pastor or shepherd people in the Word of GOD.
 1. The New Testament is very clear that ALL saved people are to be actively teaching someone the Word of GOD, not just preachers.
Ephesians 4:11-16
 2. It requires a willing heart and a fear of the Lord.
Genesis 40:8; Psalm 25:14; I Corinthians 2:12-16

V. Basic questions.

- A. Why should I be concerned about the Judgment Seat of Christ?
 1. The Lord Jesus Christ is returning shortly to take us to heaven, while we wait for HIS return our focus should be on the telling the lost about our wonderful Saviour. Notice in the following verses how many practical character qualities are produced while we anticipate HIS return:
 - a. Patience - James 5:7-8; II Thessalonians 3:5
 - b. Peace - I Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - c. Joy - I Thessalonians 2:19

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- d. Holiness - I Thessalonians 3:13; 1 John 3: 1-3
 - e. Confidence - Philippians 1:6; I John 2:28
 - f. Diligence in service - II Timothy 4:1-8
 - g. Righteous Living - Titus 2:11-14
 - h. Faith even in difficult times - I Peter 1:5-7
2. The rewards you receive on earth are all temporal and will perish. The rewards you receive at the Judgment Seat of Christ are eternal and will never perish. II Corinthians 4:17; 5:4
3. By constantly focusing on the Judgment Seat of Christ, you will naturally develop a desire to please God rather than men. Developing this attitude is the surest way to handle criticism and opposition.
II Corinthians 5:6-9; I Corinthians 7:23

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1. What group of people will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
2. What will you be judged for at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
 - A.
 - B.
3. There are some things, which you should beware of regarding the Judgment Seat of Christ. List them below.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
4. The real servants of Jesus Christ will be revealed and the less sincere will be exposed. What are two principles to remember concerning this? Give a scriptural reference for each.
 - A.
 - B.
5. There will be rewards available for those who are found to be faithful in their service to the Lord Jesus Christ. List the five crowns and describe briefly what they are given for.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
6. When a Christian focuses his attention on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, He tends to develop some proper character qualities. List them:
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

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D.
E.
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7. What is the difference between the rewards you receive on earth and the ones received at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
8. What is the greatest benefit you receive from constantly focusing on the Lord Jesus Christ?
9. Briefly explain the purpose of this lesson.

Key memory verses: II Corinthians 5:8-9; I John 2:28; Luke 16:15 (write out these verses on the back page)

True/false

1. GOD is going to judge Christians for their sin.
2. Christians will be judged for what they have done without regard for their motives.
3. Our rewards and losses are all received in this life.
4. All mankind will be judged together.

Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.