

Rewards In Heaven

Series: Future Ending

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

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INTRODUCTION: One of the most neglected or misunderstood subjects in the Bible is the reality of rewards in Heaven. Today, we are going to examine what Scripture says about the judgment that awaits every Christian after the Rapture.

I. The Reality of The Judgment Seat of Christ

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10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat. Acts 18:12

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8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

II. The Basis For The Judgment Seat of Christ

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A. The Durability of Our Life

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*All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
But the Lord weighs the spirits. Proverbs 16:2*

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

or he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in[e] Egypt; for he looked to the reward. Hebrews 11:25-26

III. The Results of The Judgment Seat of Christ

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:14-15

A. Rewards

1 Peter 5:4	-	Crown of <u>Glory</u>
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20	-	Crown of <u>Exultation</u>
James 1:12; Revelation 2:10	-	Crown of <u>Life</u>
2 Timothy 4:8	-	Crown of <u>Righteousness</u>

1. Privileges In Heaven

11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:11**

7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” **Revelation 2:7**

37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. **Luke 12:37**

2. Praise From The Lord

21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ **Matthew 25:21**

3. Positions of Authority

*If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.
If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.* **2 Timothy 2:12**

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B. Loss

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