

Series Title:

“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”
(A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)

Sermon Title:

“The Judgment Seat of Christ”
(Part 3)

Sermon Text:

Romans 14:7–12; II Corinthians 5:1-10; I Corinthians 3:10-15

Introduction:

I. The *Meaning* Of The Judgment Seat Of Christ

II. The *Nature* of The Judgment Seat of Christ

III. The *Basis* of The Judgment Seat of Christ

IV. The **Results** Of The Judgment Seat Of Christ *(I Corinthians 5:10b)*

- The phrase “*receive what is due*” comes from a word that actually means, “*to receive back what is due.*” It is a word that refers to **rewards!**

The Judgment Seat of Christ is an awards ceremony!

- God *gives* us **salvation**, but He *rewards* us for **good works**.
- *Psalm 58:11; 62:12; Matthew 5:11-12; Mark 9:41; 10:29-30; Luke 6:23; I Corinthians 3:8; Hebrews 11:26; 12:2; Revelation 22:12*

A. What Will We Be Rewarded For?

- “*done in the body*” is a reference to **actions** that happened during the believer’s time of **earthly ministry**.
- *Ephesians 2:8-10*
- Heaven is not a **reward**, but it is an **inheritance!** *(Matthew 19:29; 5:16)*
- “*Our eternal destination is the consequence of what we believe on earth, but our eternal compensation is the consequence of how we behave on earth!*” (Bruce Wilkerson)
- What do the words “*good*” and “*evil*” mean?
- What is it that is “*due*” to a believer who in their walk and work for the Lord did nothing that was in keeping with His character and His will? ***The answer is nothing!***
- *I Corinthians 3:14-15*
- The phrase “*will suffer loss*” is better translated “*it (the reward) shall be forfeited.*”

- *I Corinthians 4:5; II Timothy 2:3-13*
- Jesus will not reward us for what we **haven't done!**
- *I John 2:28-29; II John 8*

*What have you done for Christ since He placed His **life** within your **soul**?*

- *Revelation 22:12; I Corinthians 15:10; Colossians 1:29*
- Rewards in Heaven will be given on the basis of the **fruits** of our **faith!**

B. What Will The Rewards Be?

1) The **Diversity of Heavenly Rewards**

- Heavenly rewards include the following 4 classifications:

The Promise of **Crowns**

An **Incorruptible Crown** (*I Corinthians 9:25*); **The Crown of Rejoicing** (*I Thessalonians 2:19*); **The Crown of Righteousness** (*II Timothy 4:8*); **The Crown of Life** (*James 1:12*); **The Crown of Glory** (*I Peter 5:4*) **Revelation 4:10**

The Promise of Heavenly **Treasure** (*Matthew 6:19-20; I Peter 1:4*)

The Promise of **Commendations** (*Matthew 25:21; Luke 19:17*)

The Promise of **Special Responsibilities and Authority** (*Matthew 19:28; Revelation 2:26; Luke 19:11-26*)

2) The **Degrees of Heavenly Rewards** (*Revelation 22:12; Matthew 6:11-12; 25:14-30*)

- The authority and position that we will be given in Heaven will be in **direct proportion** to our work here on Earth.

3) The **Duration of Heavenly Rewards** (*Daniel 12:3; Psalm 90:17; Matthew 6:20*)

- The Hebrews word that is translated “**establish**” here is a word that literally means “to make **permanent**.”

Conclusion:

- *I Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 6:10; Colossians 3:23-24*
*Are you ready for the bema? It may be sooner then you think, and you sure don't want to walk away **smelling like smoke!***