



"The Judgment Seat of Christ"

Part 1

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"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..."
2 Corinthians 5:10

1. The Judgment SEAT:

Hebrews 9:27

- The Judgment Seat of CHRIST is known as the *bema* seat. 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 2 Timothy 2:5, 2 Timothy 4:7-8

2. The Judge: CHRIST

John 5:22

- a. God APPOINTED Christ as judge. Acts 17:31, 2 Timothy 4:8
- b. God granted Christ AUTHORITY to judge. John 5:27

3. The Judged: BELIEVERS

- The *bema* judgment will both REWARD and EXPOSE believers. 1 Corinthians 4:5, Hebrews 4:12

4. The Judgment: REWARDS

Revelation 22:12, 1 Peter 5:4

- a. There are varying DEGREES of rewards. 1 Corinthians 15:40-42, Matthew 25:21
- b. There are GENERAL rewards.
 - i. PRAISE 1 Corinthians 5:4
 - ii. HONOR and GLORY 1 Peter 1:7
 - iii. TREASURE Matthew 6:20

Other rewards: we will receive an inheritance (Colossians 3:4), we will reign with Him (2 Timothy 2:12) and have privileged service (Revelation 22:3).

c. There are SPECIAL rewards.

- i. The IMPERISHABLE Crown 1 Corinthians 9:25
- ii. The Crown of REJOICING 1 Thessalonians 2:19
- iii. The Crown of RIGHTEOUSNESS 2 Timothy 4:8
- iv. The Crown of GLORY 1 Peter 5:2-4
- v. The Crown of LIFE James 1:12, Revelation 2:10

Question to Consider:

- Do I live my life in light of the *bema* seat of Christ?
- Is there anything in my life hidden away that will be exposed by Christ's judgment?
- Am I "running" in such a way as to win the prize?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
