

## 2 Corinthians 5:9-11 “The Judgment Seat Of Christ”

- **Paul's aim was to please his God**

- Nothing else would be even close

**2 Corinthians 5:9** Therefore **we make it our aim**, whether present or absent, **to be well pleasing to Him**.

**Hebrews 11:6** 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.

**Luke 19:17** And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’

### **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

**6**For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

**7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**

**8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**10** For **we must all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ, **that each one** may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**11** **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

- **A subject we covered when teaching through 1 Corinthians:**

### **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**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.

- **A judgment that doesn't effect our salvation:**

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**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.

- **Unbeliever's judgment:**

- **Judgment leading to the ultimate penalty**

### **Revelation 20:11-15**

**11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth

and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

**13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- **Believer's judgment of our actions, or lack thereof.**

**1 Peter 4:17-18**

**17** **For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God;** and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

**18** Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

**1 Corinthians 11:31** For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

- **Judgment leading to the ultimate reward**
- **A happy "blue chip stamps" redemption day?**
  - **Probably not**

**Romans 14:10-13**

**10** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**11** For it is written: "*As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.*"

**12** **So then each of us shall give account of himself (alone) to God.**

**13** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, . . ."

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**10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- **Paul's whole life has now been gripped with this Holy fear:**
  - **"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord . . ."**
- **What's Paul so afraid of then?**
  - **Not afraid of Hell**
  - **Afraid of Heaven!**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

**24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.

**25** And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable crown.

**26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.

**27** But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

- **Why this Holy judgment?**

- **So many wrongs need being made right**
- **So many unrecognized labors and sacrifices need rewarding**
- **So many years of faithfulness with no recompense**
- **So many persecuted for His Name's sake**
- **So many who chose to be the least in His kingdom will now be the greatest**

- **Good or bad – what will be your reward?**

- **Good?**

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- **Bad?** (*phaulon*, "worthless")

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