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THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST



THE FIRST RESURRECTION



THE FIVE CROWNS OF REWARD

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**FROM THE RAPTURE
TO THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

2 Cor 5:10 NIV

For we must ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, that EACH ONE may RECEIVE WHAT IS DUE HIM for the THINGS DONE WHILE IN THE BODY, whether good or bad.

**THE CHRISTIAN HAS ONLY
ONE APPOINTMENT TO DIE**

Heb 9:27 NKJ

And as it is APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE, but AFTER THIS the JUDGMENT,

**CHRISTIANS HAVE NO APPOINTMENT
TO DIE THE SECOND DEATH**

Rev 20:6

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the FIRST RESURRECTION. The SECOND DEATH has NO POWER over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will REIGN WITH HIM FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.

Rev 20:14 NIV

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. THE LAKE OF FIRE is the SECOND DEATH.

Rev 20:15 NIV

If anyone's name was NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

THE FIRST RESURRECTION

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION

John 11:25-26 NIV

²⁵⁻ Jesus said to her, "I AM THE RESURRECTION and THE LIFE. He who **believes in Me will live**, even though **he dies**; ²⁶⁻ and whoever **lives** and BELIEVES IN ME will NEVER DIE. Do you believe this?"

Acts 26:22-23 NKJ

²²⁻ Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come-- ²³⁻ that the Christ would suffer, that HE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RISE FROM THE DEAD, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

**BUT IF YOU BELIEVE - AS SOME DO
THAT THE FIRST RESURRECTION
SPOKEN OF IN REVELATION 20:6
REFEREES TO THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

1 Thess 4:16 NKJ

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.

**THE MESSAGE IS STILL THE SAME
CONCERNING GOD'S JUDGMENT**

Rom 5:9 NIV

Since we have NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, how MUCH MORE shall we be SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH through Him!

1 Thess 5:9 NIV

For GOD DID NOT APPOINT US TO SUFFER WRATH but to RECEIVE SALVATION through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE **MANIFESTATION** OF THE BELIEVER'S WORKS
IS IN **QUESTION** IN THIS **JUDGMENT**
IT IS **NOT** A **JUDGMENT** OF THE BELIEVER'S SINS
THESE HAVE **BEEN** FULLY ATONED FOR
IN THE VICARIOUS AND SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH
OF **CHRIST** - AND REMEMBERED NO MORE

Heb 10:17-18 NLT

17 Then he says, "I WILL NEVER AGAIN REMEMBER THEIR SINS AND LAWLESS DEEDS."
18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is NO NEED to OFFER any more sacrifices.

CHRISTIANS **NEED NOT FEAR**
THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

1 John 4:17-19 NKJ

17- LOVE HAS BEEN PERFECTED AMONG US in this: that WE MAY HAVE BOLDNESS IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT; because as HE IS, SO ARE WE in this world. **18-** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19-** We love Him because He first loved us.

EVIDENTLY THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
IS SET UP IN HEAVEN
PREVIOUS TO CHRIST'S GLORIOUS SECOND ADVENT
IN PREPARATION FOR HIS EARTH RULE
IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

**OUR APPEARANCE , IS NECESSARY FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF PLACES OF LEADERSHIP AND AUTHORITY
WITH CHRIST IN HIS ROLE OF
"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS"**

1 Cor 4:2 NIV

Now it is REQUIRED that those who have been given a trust MUST PROVE FAITHFUL.

Matt 16:27 NIV

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then HE WILL REWARD EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE.

2 Tim 4:8 NIV

Now there is in store for me the CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and **not only to me, but also to ALL who **HAVE LONGED FOR HIS APPEARING.****

Rev 22:12 NIV

"Behold, I am coming soon! MY REWARD IS WITH ME, AND I WILL GIVE TO EVERY-ONE ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE.

1 Cor 6:2-3 NIV

²⁻ Do you not know that THE SAINTS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³⁻ Do you not know that WE WILL JUDGE ANGELS? How much more the things of this life!

**REMEMBER - AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
THE BELIEVER'S SALVATION
IS NOT BROUGHT INTO QUESTION**

**WHAT IS IN QUESTION IS THE
EARTHLY WORKS OF THE CHRISTIAN**

Matt 12:36-37 NIV

36 But I tell you that MEN WILL HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT for every CARELESS WORD they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Rom 14:10 NIV

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE GOD'S JUDGMENT SEAT.

Gal 6:7 NKJV

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for WHATEVER A MAN SOWS, THAT HE WILL ALSO REAP.

Eph 6:8 NLT

Remember that the LORD WILL REWARD EACH ONE of us for the GOOD WE DO, whether we are slaves or free.

Col 3:24 NLT

Remember that the Lord will give you an INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD, and that the MASTER YOU ARE SERVING IS CHRIST.*

**AS A RESULT OF THIS JUDGMENT
OF THE BELIEVER'S WORKS,
THERE **WILL** BE REWARD OR LOSS OF REWARD.
IN ANY EVENT,
THE **TRULY** BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER **WILL BE** SAVED**

1 Cor 3:11-15 NLT

11 For no one can LAY ANY FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THE ONE WE ALREADY HAVE—JESUS CHRIST. 12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But on THE JUDGMENT DAY, fire will reveal what kind of work **each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 IF THE WORK SURVIVES, that builder WILL RECEIVE A REWARD. 15 But if the work is burned up, the BUILDER WILL SUFFER GREAT LOSS. THE BUILDER WILL BE SAVED, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.**

John 5:24 NLT

24 "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. THEY WILL NEVER BE CONDEMNED FOR THEIR SINS, but THEY HAVE ALREADY PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE.

WILL EVERYONE RECEIVE A REWARD?

1 Cor 4:5 NIV

5 Therefore **judge nothing before the **appointed** time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is **hidden** in darkness and will expose the MOTIVES OF MEN'S HEARTS. At that time EACH WILL RECEIVE HIS PRAISE from **God**.**

Heb 4:13 NIV

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. EVERYTHING is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT.

WHAT KINDS OF REWARDS WILL GOD GIVE?

THE **NEW TESTAMENT FOCUSES ON**
FIVE PARTICULAR CROWNS OF REWARD

1. THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

THE **REWARD FOR THOSE WHO CONSISTENTLY**
PRACTICE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL
OVER THEIR PHYSICAL APPETITES

1 Cor 9:24-10:1 NLT

24 Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So **run to win!** **25** All athletes are **disciplined** in their training. They do it to win a prize that will **fade away**, but we do it for an **ETERNAL PRIZE**. **26** So **I RUN WITH PURPOSE** in **EVERY STEP**. I am not just shadowboxing. **27** **I DISCIPLINE MY BODY** like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I **fear** that after **PREACHING TO OTHERS** I myself might be **DISQUALIFIED**.

1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV

3 **Blessed be** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, **4** to an **INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE** and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are **KEPT** by the **POWER OF GOD** through **FAITH** for **SALVATION** ready to be revealed in the last time.

WHAT KINDS OF REWARDS WILL GOD GIVE?

2. THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

**THE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO EAGERLY
LOOK FOR THE LORD'S COMING AND
LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE IN VIEW OF THIS FACT**

2 Tim 4:8 NLT

8 And now the prize awaits me—the CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for ALL who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

3. THE CROWN OF REJOICING

**THIS IS THE SOUL WINNERS CROWN,
GIVEN TO THOSE WHO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST.**

1 Thess 2:19-20 NLT

19 After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud REWARD and CROWN as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? IT IS YOU!
20 Yes, YOU are our PRIDE and JOY.

WHAT KINDS OF REWARDS WILL GOD GIVE?

4. THE CROWN OF LIFE

THE SUFFERER'S CROWN IS GIVEN TO
THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY ENDURE AND PERSEVERE
UNDER THE TRIALS AND TESTS OF LIFE.

James 1:12 NLT

12 God blesses those who PATIENTLY ENDURE TESTING AND TEMPTATION. Afterward they will receive the CROWN OF LIFE that God has promised to those who love him.

Rev 2:10 NLT

10 Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the CROWN OF LIFE.

5. THE CROWN OF GLORY

THE SHEPHERD'S CROWN WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE
PASTORS, ELDERS, AND CHURCH LEADERS
WHO LOVINGLY, GRACIOUSLY
SHEPHERD AND OVERSEE GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Peter 5:1-4 NLT

And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: **2** Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. **3** Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. **4** And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a CROWN OF NEVER-ENDING GLORY AND HONOR.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THESE CROWNS

Rev 4:10-11 NLT

10 the TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And THEY LAY THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE and say, **11** "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."

24 ELDERS REPRESENT = THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH UNIVERSAL