

“JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST”

2 Cor. 5:10 (judgment seat is the “*bema*” in the Greek)

A. What renders one lost? The terms of lostness, five things.

Ephesians 2:12 [remember] that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (NASB)

John 16:8-10 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; (NASB)

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (NASB)

B. What renders one saved?

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (NASB)

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (NASB)

C. Notice that our personal works never save us.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, (NASB)

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. (NASB) *See Matt. 20:1-16.*

D. At the hour of death each man’s state is sealed.

Luke 16:22-23 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 "And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. (NASB)

E. In a sense, every human being will be judged concerning his works, but not for salvation, rather for degrees of rewards or degrees of punishment.

Matthew 16:27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds. (NASB)

Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when [men] cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. 12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NASB) *See Matt. 6:19-20; 10:41-42; Phil. 4:1.*

Mark 12:40 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation. " (NASB) *See Matt. 11:22-24; Luke 12:47-48.*

F. Therefore, “The Judgment Seat of Christ” must be a time and place when we Christians will be evaluated as to our works for the Lord while here on earth. Rewards or lack of them will ensue.

Romans 14:10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. (NASB)

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (NASB)

G. Some scriptural evidences that Christians will be judged.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders, and submit [to them]; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. (NASB)

2 John 8 Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is [to be] revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. (NASB) [The worthless building is destroyed but the builder is not destroyed].

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. (NASB)

1 John 4:17 By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, [but wait] until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of [men's] hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. (NASB)

Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward [is] with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. (NASB)

James 3:1 Let not many [of you] become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment. (NASB)

Colossians 3:25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality. (NASB)

Matthew 12:36-37 "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. 37 "For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned." (NASB)

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. (NASB)

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Isaiah 45:23 "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear [allegiance.] (NASB)

Philippians 2:9-10 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, (NASB)