

## The Judgment Seat of Christ

9-10-17

### 2. Well Done Matthew 25:21

1. **(Hebrews 4:12-13 S1)** the Word has the power to dissect our thoughts and motives and the Word does this so that we do right. Once the Word of God does this, the Lord watches to see if we obey and do what the Word of God reveals to us; He always desires to reward us
2. The end time events as we call them begins with the rapture of the church. The rapture signifies the beginning of the seven year period called the tribulation. For seven years the Lord will be dealing with the Jews and gentiles who have not yet accepted Jesus. He will also be pouring out judgment and wrath on the forces of the antichrist
  - a. The Lord always gets His people out before judgment: **(Genesis 7:16 S2)** Noah and his family entering the ark **(Genesis 19:22 S3)** Lot commanded to leave Sodom & Gomorrah; **(I Thessalonians 5:9)** God has not appointed us (Christians) to wrath
3. **(Ephesians 3:15 Slide 4)** right now the church is separated, some are in heaven and some are on earth; the whole church is to stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ – how will this happen? The rapture of the church
4. **(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)** a biblical description of the rapture
  - a. The Lord must get the church off the earth before the tribulation begins
  - b. At the rapture all Christians rise to meet Jesus in the air; this ends the Church Age
  - c. Good and bad Christians will be in heaven and stand before the JSC
  - d. The rapture of the church is God's sovereignty, it is going to happen
  - e. Spirits of deceased Christians are in heaven, at the rapture their bodies will be raised from the grave and united to their spirits, their bodies will be recreated to a resurrection one
  - f. Believers who are alive at the time of the rapture will rise to meet Jesus, their bodies will be changed to recreated bodies on their way up **(I Corinthians 15:51-53 S5)**
  - g. We will all receive resurrection bodies, go to heaven and for 7 years while God judges the earth Jesus will be seated on the JSC and we will be there before Him
  - h. Revelation 2 & 3 describe the church age; Jesus dealing with the seven churches that make up the universal church – now in chapter 4 the church age is over; what's next?

**Revelation 4:1** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." **v2** Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.  
**v6** Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. (all flaws seen - that is the church)

### 5. 2 Corinthians 5:10 the judgment seat of Christ **(Romans 14:10, 12 Slide 6)**

**2 Corinthians 5:10** 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.

5. **v10** 'Judgment seat' bema; it does not mean judgment, bema means rewards
  - a. In the ancient world, the best games were in Corinth and were the equivalent to today's Olympics; Those who won an event would stand before the bema seat
  - b. The king would be sitting on the bema seat and the winner would stand before him
  - c. The king would reach over and place a crown of olive leaves on his head; it meant:
  - d. tax exemption for the man and his family; they were fed, clothed and educated at public expense; they were given housing seats to the games all of this for the rest of their lives
6. **(Ephesians 5:27 S7)** at the judgment seat of Christ the Lord Jesus will remove all of the spots and wrinkles of the church; the church will never be without spots and wrinkles while we are on the earth

**1 Corinthians 3:12** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **v13** 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. **v14** If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. **v15** If anyone's **work** is burned, he will suffer loss;

- a. We must realize that our conduct on earth has eternal consequences
  - b. All of us will go to heaven with good works and not so good works
  - c. Standing before the Lord the works which we have done will be judged by fire
  - d. Paul did not call anyone by name but is addressing each individual
  - e. Each of us has two piles gold, silver, precious stones; wood, hay, straw
  - f. At the Judgement Seat of Christ man is not judged, his works are
  - g. Fire is going to try every man's work to determine what kind it is
  - h. Fire will burn up wood, hay, straw; fire will purify the gold, silver and precious stones
7. **The sovereignty of God:** Whatever God does in His sovereignty we do not have to believe for, He still will do it; Whether you believe it or not it will come to pass
  8. Almost everything in end times involves the sovereignty of God, including the rapture
  9. The office in which each person stands is part of God's sovereignty; God has placed us in the body of Christ as it has pleased Him; He never asked what we would like to be; get involved in church if you do not know and the Holy Spirit will lead you (this is important to the Lord)
    - a. **(1 Corinthians 12:18 S8)** each of us has a part to play in the Body of Christ, the part we play is chosen by the Lord; **(Jeremiah 1:5 S9)** the Lord decided what Jeremiah would do before he was born – He did that for us as well; **(Romans 1:1 S10)** Paul was called to be an apostle, he had to choose to do the work of an apostle and separate himself for it
  10. **Matthew 25:14-29** each one is given different assignments, based on ability and the sovereign decision of the Lord; the rewards for faithfulness are the same
  11. Gold, silver and precious stones are the reward for doing what the Lord has called you to do faithfully and with a good attitude
  12. Wood, hay and stubble – ministering with a bad attitude, seeking your glory and not the Lord's; ministering out of an obligation; simply not doing what you were created to do

13. Obedience: love one another; forgive; train up a child; attend church

### **GSPS**

14. Proverbs 28:20 NLT faithful abound with blessings  
2 Timothy 2:2 faithful people given ability

**Ephesians 6:6** Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. **v7** And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.

**Luke 6:35** But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

### **WHS**

Do something because others are doing it;  
James 4:17 know to do good and do not do it – sin  
Matthew 6:2 Hypocrites get applause, true, but that's all they get.

### **God knows everything**

**1 Corinthians 4:5** So be careful not to jump to conclusions before the Lord returns as to whether or not someone is faithful. When the Lord comes, he will bring our deepest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. NLT **He knows**

**Proverbs 16:2** People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.

**Proverbs 21:2** People may think they are doing what is right, but the LORD examines the heart.  
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I Samuel 16:7 God looks at heart