

#### IV. THE PREPARATION FOR THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- A. There needs to be a preparation of our motives.
1. We need to ask ourselves... Why we do what we do?
  2. The believer's goal must be to please and glorify God (I Corinthians 10:31).
    - It means to appreciate God.
    - It means to adore God.
    - It means to love God.
    - It means to be surrendered to God.
- B. There needs to be a preparation in our methods.
1. We need to ask ourselves... How we do what we do?
  2. The Bible teaches that we are lights shining forth into the dark (Matthew 5:16).
  3. The golden rule, do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matt. 7:16; Luke 6:31).
- C. There needs to be a preparation with our Master.
1. We need to know Him as Lord and Savior.  
*"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* John 3:7
  2. We need to be in a growing relationship with the Master.  
*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen."* II Peter 3:18
  3. We need to abide in Him, Jesus (John 15:1-10).

#### Conclusion:

If you feel that you have not been totally surrendered to the Lord and that you might "suffer loss" at the Judgment Seat of Christ... be encouraged, there is still time for you to surrender and begin working to earn rewards. Surrender fully to the Lord because in the "afterlife," that is, when you die there are rewards to gain or to lose.

*"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."* Revelation 3:11

#### AFTERLIFE ~ WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

Receiving Rewards

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#### INTRODUCTION

- A. The afterlife is a reality. People are designed by God to live somewhere forever. Put another way, death is not the end. Death is the entrance into a brand new realm of existence.

This of course raises a lot of questions. Questions like:

What is it like?

Will I see my family and friends?

How do I get there?

What must I do now to prepare?

We will answer these questions and many more!!

- B. The Bible describes death and the afterlife as an appointment. Hebrews 9:27 says, *"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,"*. Each person will die by appointment. People may be late for a lot of things, but this is one appointment that everyone will be on time for.

- C. There is a lot of confusion about the afterlife. It's ok to be wrong about a lot of things, but don't be wrong about the afterlife. Come and get clarity on the truth about the afterlife as you learn about:

Oct 9 Is There Life After Life?

Oct 16 What Is Heaven?

Oct 23 What Is Heaven Like?

Oct 30 What Is Hell?

Nov 6 What Is Hell Like?

Nov 13 Finding Hope And Healing From Grief

TODAY Receiving Rewards

Nov 27 Live Now For Eternity

- D. **TEXT:** II Corinthians 5:10 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1134/  
New Testament)

## HOW TO RECEIVE REWARDS

### I. THE PURPOSE OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- A. It is not to judge the sins of believers (this is paid for on the cross).
- B. It is to evaluate the work and service of believers.
1. There are faithful & unfaithful believers.  
*“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”*  
Matthew 25:21
  2. There are spiritual & carnal believers..  
*“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.”* I Corinthians 3:1
  3. There are diligent & carless believers.  
*“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, “* Ephesians 5:15

### II. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

All believers of the church age

- A. Believer’s presence will be unavoidable “*must*”.
- B. Believer’s presence will be universal “*all*”.
- C. Believer’s presence will be undeniable “*receive*”.
- D. Believer’s presence will be unthinkable “*good or bad*”.

### III. THE PRESENTATION AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- A. There will be rewards given to believers.
1. The crown glory – This will be awarded to the ministers who give of themselves to lead and feed the flock of God.  
*“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”*  
I Peter 5:4

2. The incorruptible crown – This will be awarded for faithfulness to the Lord.  
*“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.”* I Corinthians 9:25
3. The crown of rejoicing – This will be awarded to soulwinners.  
*“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?”*  
I Thessalonians 2:19
4. The crown of righteousness – This will be awarded to those that love the Lord’s appearing.  
*“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”* II Timothy 4:8
5. The crown of life – This is awarded to those that endure trials & temptations.  
*“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”* James 1:12

### B. There will be a review of believer’s works (I Corinthians 3:11-15).

1. Yes, many believers will share in the rewards.  
*“If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.”*  
I Corinthians 3:14
2. Oops, many believers will suffer loss.  
*“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”*  
I Corinthians 3:15