

## The Judgment Seat of Christ (Part II)

**Introduction:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> study took us to 1st Cor. 3: 10-15. We learned that @ Christ's return every true believer will appear before the "Bema" Seat of Christ. This is a time of Revealing and Rewards.

Revealing: What kinds of works have you been doing here on earth?

Hebrews 6:1= speaks of dead works, "wood, hay, stubble."

Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5= speak of good works or Grace/works, "gold, silver, and precious stones."

Rewards: The Bema Seat is a time of rewards for the believer. We receive our "Crowns" of reward. For good works.

### *I. The Lost will stand before the Great White Throne Judgment=Rev. 20:11-15*

Christ at His coming will separate the: sheep & the goats. The "goats are the lost of all the nations and all the ages... These face the wrath of God and eternal punishment.

### *II. We as believers will all stand before the Risen Christ at the "Bema" Seat for a Judgment of Rewards.* Romans 14:10

**Jesus has authority to bring judgment & reward.** See John 5: 20-24, & 27

§ The Fire is coming for every believer = To test the purity of your life & works

See 2 Cor. 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."

See also, 1st Cor. 3:13 "for the fire will reveal it..."

§ The Fire will reveal where you invested your life. 1st Cor. 3: 10-15

Wood, hay, & stubble= dead works of the flesh, that gave not God the glory. Romans 8:8

Martin Luther said, "I live my life in view of two days in history: Today & That Day.

This judgment by fire is to test your works. It is a refiners fire, to test the deeds done in the body= during your lifetime as a believer.

### *III. This Bema Seat is primarily to reward the faithful for "good works."*

Mark 8:38, 1st John 2:28, Luke 6:22-23, Rev. 2:10, Luke 14:12-14, 1st Tim. 6: 17-19

§ What are these "good works" Christ will reward?

See 1st Tim. 6: 18, 19 "lay up a good foundation of good works for the future"

See Phil. "filled with the fruits of righteousness."

§ Two characteristics of "good works" that are pleasing to god and pass the test of the fire.

The Heart Test: What was the motive? 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 4:5 "...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."

The Source Test: Were your deeds "the fruits of righteousness? See Phil. 1; 9-11.