

Judgment Seat of Christ

What is the Judgment Seat of Christ?

1. It is a day when believers will give an account to God for their works.
Romans 14:10 *"...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."*

Romans 14:12 *"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*
2. This judgment does not determine my eternal destination.
I Peter 2:24 *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..."*

John 10:28 *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*
3. It is a day of rewards and disappointments for believers.
Revelation 22:12 *"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."*

2 Corinthians 5:10 *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."*

How will Believers be judged?

1. Good works will be revealed and rewarded.
I Corinthians 3:11-15 *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 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 4:5 *"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God."*
2. It is possible to lose expected rewards.
I Corinthians 3:13-15

For what does God want to reward us?

1. For servicing others.

Hebrews 6:10 *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."*

Mark 9:41 *"For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."*

I Corinthians 15:58 *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

2. For giving to the poor.
Proverbs 19:17 *"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."*

Luke 14:13-14 *"But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."*
3. For working with the Lord from our heart.
Colossians 3:23-24 *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."*

Ephesians 6:6 *"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;"*
4. For sharing the Gospel.
I Corinthians 3:6-8 *"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."*

Psalm 126:5-6 *"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*

John 4:36 *"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal..."*
5. For how I handled my speech.
Matthew 12:36 *"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment."*
6. For how I handled the trials in my life.
I Peter 1:7 *"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"*
7. For how I managed what God entrusted to me.
Luke 16:10-12 *"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye*