



THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR THE GRACE
BELIEVER (pt 11)

The Necessity of the Judgment Seat of Christ

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 3:9-15
II Corinthians 1:8-10, 4:17-5:10

REVIEW

- Last week we looked at a necessity for the grace-believer that ONLY God can provide and is responsible: I Corinthians 15:53 “...Our body of corruption must put on: 1) incorruption, and 2) immortality”
- Our corruption and mortality have been caused by our sin nature. Once resurrected, or changed bodies will no longer possess a sin nature

INTRODUCTION

- Today, we look at one more necessity the ONLY God can provide, which is the judgment of our earthly works - since salvation

The Bema Seat Judgment

- Rom 14:10 - Christ will judge our works. We will not judge each other's works – cf I Cor 4:5
- I Cor 5:10 – “ALL grace-believers MUST be caused to be manifest before the judgment seat of Christ to ‘take care of’ (“receive” KJV) the things practiced through the body , whether beneficial (Eph 2:10), or worthless”

The Purpose of This Judgment

- **Not punitive – no remorse or regret!**
- To examine what is rewardable
 - Determining which works were accomplished by Christ's Life – using HIS empowerment and for HIS glory – I Cor 3:11-12, II Cor 5:10

The Believer's Condition at This Judgment

- **Glorified (no longer possessing a sin nature)**
- The order of future events:
 - 1) **The Rapture of the Church** – I Thess 4:13-18, Eph 5:25-27
 - 2) **The Bema Seat judgment** – we look for the Rapture before we expect the Bema judgment
 - 3) **Our glorified presentation to the Father**
– I Thess 3:13, Jude 1:24, Rev 19:7-8

The Believer's Condition at This Judgment

- Our attitude THEN: “It’s not about me, but all about Christ!”
- Our attitude TODAY: “I don’t want to miss any opportunity to glorify Christ!”
 - Eph 2:10, I Cor 10:31

The Result of This Judgment

- Works that are rewardable (gold, silver, precious stone) translate into five possible crowns:
 - **Crown of Rejoicing** – I Thess 2:19
 - **Crown of Life** – James 1:12, Rev 2:10
 - **Crown of Incorruption** – I Cor 9:25-27
 - **Crown of Righteousness** – II Tim 4:8
 - **Crown of Glory** – I Pet 5:4
- The casting of crowns at Christ's feet – Rev 4:10

CONCLUSION

- **The glorious result of the Bema Seat judgment:**
 - **To demonstrate works that were accomplished with the LIFE OF CHRIST and for His glory**
 - **To never be haunted by our past failures**
 - **I Thess 2:11-13**