

The *Bema* Seat Judgment

2 Corinthians 5:9-10;

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Systematic Theology

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Application Points:

- **Make a list of people you know who need Christ**
- **Develop an action plan to share the Gospel with them and/or bring them to hear the Gospel**
- **Reject practical atheism**
- **Be comforted by the promise given to believers**

Questions...

- Will I be judged for sins committed before I became a Christian?
- How will this judgment affect my eternal destiny?
- What are the rewards?

Crowns & rewards

1 Cor. 9:24-27 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

Crowns & rewards

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Crowns & rewards

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Crowns & rewards

1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Revelation 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Our obedience to Christ matters

- ♦ *Matthew 5:12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*
- ♦ *Matthew 10:41-42 “The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”*

Our obedience to Christ matters

- ◆ **Hebrews 10:35-36** *“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”*
- ◆ **Hebrews 11:6** **“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”**
- ◆ **Hebrews 11:26** **“He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.”**

- 2 John 8 *“Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.”*
- Rev. 11:18 *“The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”*

Our disobedience to Christ matters

- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

The *Bema* seat judgment will be:

- *Honest*
- *Individual*
- *Balancing*
- *Restorative*

Erwin Lutzer

“Every day is either a loss or a gain as far as eternity is concerned.”

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- Cup of cold water in my name you will not lose your reward
- ...and your reward will be great
- The issue is faithfulness

Great White Throne Judgment

- Revelation 20:11-15