

# **Awards Ceremony**

**10-15-17**

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**Reality:** We all will have a day of accountability before God. There is the Judgment seat of Christ and the Great White Throne of Judgment. The Great White Throne is where the judgment between heaven and hell takes place. Believers go to heaven and unbelievers go to hell.

Revelation 20:11 - *No Overhead* - Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

**In 2Cor.5:10, the judgment seat of Christ, is different.** Here all the people present are believers. Here Christ gives believers rewards based on their activity on earth. This ties in with the last three week's messages: Why Are We Here; Jars of Clay; Ambassadors. **These three messages had the general theme that God has us here on earth for a purpose.** Therefore if we are here for a purpose, it stands to reason that at the end of life, there will be an awards ceremony for our participation in this life that God has given us: **Jesus' Award Ceremony for believers.** **As believers, we are on Jesus' team by grace not based on any works or goodness on our part.**

**Therefore**, at the Jesus' Awards Ceremony all believers get to be in the Team picture! Everyone in the Team Picture starts at the same place!

1 Corinthians 3:11 (ESV)

For **no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

However each believer will be rewarded based on **the quality** of his or her work!

1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Now **if anyone builds on the foundation** -- with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- (*quality*)

**Easy test to evaluate your efforts: Only the things that stand the test of fire will be rewarded!**

1 Corinthians 3:13 (ESV)

Each one's work will become manifest, **for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.**

**Easy determination in our life decisions: Will our work be burned up!**

1 Corinthians 3:14 (ESV)

**If the work that anyone has built on **the foundation** (of Jesus) "survives", he will receive a "reward".**

**However, even if all your work gets burned up you still get to be in the Team Picture!**

1 Corinthians 3:15 (ESV)

If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

God is not trying to discourage us. **HE is trying to encourage us to have faith and not give up.** God understands that we get overwhelmed, overscheduled, and out right attacked. **Therefore God lets us see into heaven into eternity.** Therefore when things get tough we do not give up because we see beyond the physical world and see into the spiritual world knowing God is preparing us for eternal glory. **Do not be Discouraged!**

2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)

For this **"LIGHT MOMENTARY AFFLICTION"** is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

**We see the unseen! We know God is faithful!**

2 Corinthians 4:18 (ESV)

As we "look not" to the things that are "seen" but to the things that are "unseen". For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are "unseen" are eternal.

**Therefore, we always have an eternal viewpoint!**

**Even when our earthly body gets old, diseased, and breaks down, we glory because it is not the end!**

2 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent (body) that is our earthly home (body) **is destroyed**, we have a building (body) from God, a house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens.**

**This world is not our home! We have a heavenly home and a heavenly body awaiting us.**

**Therefore, Brothers and Sisters, believe the fact:**

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)

For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive what is due for **what he has done in the body**, whether good or evil.

**We need to be looking forward to Jesus' Awards Ceremony. But first we need be sure we are in the Team Picture!**

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***