



THE BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT FOR BELIEVERS– WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING!!

2 Cor. 5:9-10 *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. [10] **For we must all appear before the judgment seat (bema- a***

dias or platform with steps, judicial bench) *of Christ, **that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.***

Rom. 14:10 *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat (bema) of Christ.***

IT MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU EXPECT!

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- **Two Judgment Seats:**
- **For unbelievers, the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15), at the end of the 1,000 year Reign of Christ. – Salvation judgment – to eternal separation from God!**
- **For believers, the Bema Seat. In Corinth, Paul was brought before the Bema Seat! (Acts 18:12-16; “rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment (bema) seat”) – But what happened was not what Paul expected!**
- **We will all appear before our Lord at the Bema Seat! - 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10;), immediately, following the Rapture (1 Cor. 4:5)**

that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good – all of us one day will stand before the Bema Seat!

1 Cor. 3:12-15- *“Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, [13] **each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.**[14] **If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. [15] If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.***

We will all stand before our King of King and Lord of Lords. With love in His and heart and fire in His eyes, (Rev. 1:14b “and His eyes like a flame of fire”); I will be judged! Everything that is not sin will pass through! Everything that is not, will be burned away!

THE REWARDS STAND!

But Crowns also will be given there at the Bema Seat – Before Him! The rewards stand for the good things I’ve done! Faith that works! It’s the love of Christ that constrains me! :

- The Crown of Rejoicing – (1Th 2:19-20) For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? [20] For you are our glory and joy. –the crown for soul winners!
- The Crown of Righteousness (2Ti 4:7-8) Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. – Those who say, “it could be today!!” Those waiting, praying for His second coming with expectancy!
- The Crown of Life (Jas 1:12) Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Do you love Him? Is He the love of your life? I need to love Him! – that’s where life is found-in Him!
- The Crown of Glory (1Pe 5:2-4) Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; [3] nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; [4] and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. - for those who are faithful to serving. Glory – Weightiness! Substance! Heavy! The service we give to Him – worship, serving Him!
- The Incorruptible Crown – (1 Cor. 9:25) And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. - Given to those who run the race with discipline! They live their life in moderation. Running to run the race-to lay aside everything that hinders us or slows us down! Strip away everything that slows me down in running the race for Him!
- The Crown of Life - (Rev 2:10) Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. For those who are martyred.

ARE YOU READY – LET’S GET PREPARED!!

Do we love Him the way we once did!

Do we really realize the Lord is on His way! That soon He is going to say, come Home!

Come to My house!

The Lord is coming! Get ready! We need to prioritize our lives!

or bad (worthless). - And the fire of His eyes will consume all those things which were not done right!

IT’S NOT NECESSARILY ONE OR THE OTHER!

The bema seat may be different than you think! There is gold and wood hay and straw in everything you do!

Those things done with less than the right motives – the dross will be burned away like wood, grass and straw.

But, it’s not what you may think! Look, He finds the gold! Are we able to find the gold?

Jer 15:19 *Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them."*

Heb. Chapter 11 – Consider those mentioned in the hall of faith! Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses—All great!....but then there were also Rahab (a prostitute that lied but saved by the scarlet cord), Gideon (hiding and unbelieving, BUT he did engage the enemy), Barak (afraid to fight unless Deborah went-BUT he did go), Samson (the womanizer, BUT we see him there dying with the destruction of the Philistines at the temple of Dagon), David (a murderer, a liar, a census taker, BUT David is a man after My heart! God did see in all of them the precious presence of faith!

- **How is your faith?**
- **He wants to give rewards!**
- **He will find the gold in the things we do! But we've got to do something in serving Him! Start doing it for Him!!!**
- **He is going to reward us more than we could possibly ever think! – We serve a God who loves us! He sees all that I do and He sees gold, silver and precious stones!**
- **Go for the gold!!!! Don't stop now!**
- **We're all getting old or older—if not now, when are we going to do it!!!**
- **Make these days count! Get ready for the Bema Seat!**
- **Let the things go that are in the way and slowing you down!**
- **We want to hear those words - Well, done good and faithful servant....**
- **Let's reprioritize our lives, as necessary!!**
- **Today, spend at least 15 minutes alone with the Lord –“what would You have for me to do?” What do I need to do to get ready!!!**

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