

## **THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (JSC) (#1)**

**Request:** "During our recent study of the 10th Time Line of Biblical History, you briefly mentioned the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC). Could you do a more detailed study on it?"

We will begin with an examination of our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

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| • Earthly House     | (2 Cor.5:1-4) | Body | Groan | (clothed vs unclothed) |
| • Eternal Home      | (2 Cor.5:5-9) | Body | Goal  | (Please the Lord)      |
| • Everlasting Honor | (2 Cor.5:10)  | Body | Good  | (agathos vs phaulos)   |

Today's lesson will focus on the **Everlasting Honor** of 2 Cor.5:10. In 2 Cor.5:10, Paul explains three things that every CAB will experience at the JSC.

- All Church Age Believers (CABs) will appear before the JSC.
- All Church Age Believers (CABs) will be recompensed for their works done in their Christian 'walk', their Christian Way of Life (CWL).
- Each Church Age Believers (CAB) will be judged according to what he / she has done, whether good or evil.

<b>This lesson will study six aspects of the doctrine of the JSC</b>
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### **1. The Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC) will take place in the Third Heaven following the Rapture of the Church from the earth**

(2 Cor.15:58) "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58; 2 Cor.5:1-10)

(2 Cor.5:8) "We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." [Third Heaven]

(1 Thess.4:17)"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord."

### **2. The JSC is one of five eschatological throne periods associated with the First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

They begin after the ascension of Jesus Christ

(Eph.1:20-21) "Which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come"

The five throne periods are:

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| • Church age throne period           | (Eph.1:20-23; 5:23; Col.1:18; 2:10, 15; 3:1-2). |
| • <b>JSC throne period</b>           | (2 Cor.5:1-10; Rom.14:9-13).                    |
| • Millennium throne period           | (Matt.25:31; Rev.19:11-15).                     |
| • Great White Judgment throne period | (Rev.20:11-15)                                  |
| • New Heaven and Earth throne period | (Rev.21:5-6; chs.21-22)                         |

**3. The JSC will evaluate two categories of works done in the Christian Way of Life [Walk] (CWL).**

(2 Cor.5:10) "Each one may be recompensed for his **deeds** in the body, according to what he has **done** whether good (agathos) or bad (phaulos)."

Paul explains that each CAB **will be recompensed** (komiazo /a.a.ind) [to receive back for services rendered] for deeds (ergon) [works] done, whether good or bad.

- **Agathos** refers to divine good done by means of filling of Holy Spirit (Eph.5:18; Gal.5:16-17) according to the directive Will of God (Rom.12:2; 2 Cor.5:7). (2 Tim.3:16-17; Col.3:17; 2 Cor.9:8; Titus 3:14).
- **Phaulos** refers to cosmos diabolicus evil lies against the truth of God's Word (John 8:44). The CAB who operates the CWL under false teaching does phaulos works (James 3:13-18; 2 Tim.2:16-19, 22, 26; 4:1-2).

**4. The JSC will reward divine good and burn-up cosmos diabolicus works (2 Cor.5:10).**

Paul used an Olympic analogy like bronze, silver, and gold for the rewards verses suffering loss for not attaining the prize (1 Cor.3:10-15).

(1 Cor.3:13) "Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work." (2 Tim.2:19-20; Matt.6:20-21; Eph.6:8)

- **Divine good** (agathos) will be rewarded (1 Cor.3:14)
- **Cosmos diabolicus evil** (phaulos) will be burned-up!
  - (1 Cor.3:15) "If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."

**5. The JSC will judge works done in the CWL but NOT for SINS committed.**

(1 Cor.3:15b) "But he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."

(Heb.9:28) "So Christ also, having been **offered once to bear the sins** of many, shall appear a second time for salvation **without reference to sin**, to those who eagerly await Him."

(Rom.8:1) "There is therefore **now no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus."

(1 John 2:2) "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world".

All the sins of the human race for all human history were judged on Jesus Christ once and forever on the cross. (1 Pet.1:18-21; 2:24; 3:18). There are no good or bad sins, just sins to God (Rom.3:20-24; Eph.1:7-8; 2:8-9).

**6. At the JSC, crowns will be awarded to those CABs who reach and maintain spiritual maturity through dying grace (2Pet.3:18; Eph.4:11-16). We will mention four specific crowns.**

- Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim.4:7-8; Acts 7:55-60)
- Crown of Life (James 1:12; 1 Pet.1:6-7; 4:1, 12-19)
- Crown of Glory (1 Pet.5:1-4; Eph.4:11-16)
- Crown of Boasting (1 Thess.2:19-20; Phil.4:1; Luke 15:7, 10)