

“Resurrection of the Dead” (#07)
“The Judgment Seat of Christ”

During the month of April, we are studying a new series of lessons entitled, Resurrection of Dead.

Paul is answering questions written by church leaders regarding doctrinally issues associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ – “How do some of you say?” (1 Cor.15:12)

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 this text, Paul explains three things that every Church Age Believer (CAB) will experience at the JSC.

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

This lesson will study six aspects of the doctrine of the JSC
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1. The “Judgment Seat of Christ” will take place in the Third Heaven following the Rapture of the Church from the earth

(1 Thess.4:13-18) "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 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"

- Church age throne period (Eph.1:20-23; 5:23; Col.1:18; 2:10, 15; 3:1-2).
- **JSC throne period** (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 (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** (komiazō /a.a.ind) [to receive back for services rendered] for deeds (ergon) [works] done, whether "good" or "bad".

- **Agathos** (good) 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** (bad) refers to **human good** (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 human good (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 will not judge SINS - "But he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire." (1 Cor.3:15b)

(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."

Jesus Christ was judged for ALL of the sins of the human race once and forever on the cross (1 John 2:2; 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 CAB who reach and maintain spiritual maturity through dying grace (2 Pet.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) -