

“ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL REWARD”

I. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10)

A. The doctrine of the Judgment Seat of Christ

1. The judgment seat of Christ is known as the _____ and it is a place where rewards will be _____ or _____ depending on _____ a believer lived his life while on earth. (Rom. 14:10)

- What is the meaning of “Bema”?

2. The *timing* of the Bema Judgment will occur immediately following the _____ of the church, when believers are caught up to be with the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

3. The *place* of the Bema will occur somewhere in the _____ in the presence of the Lord who will _____ our service to Him while on earth (1 Thes. 4:17)

** How will 1) sin affect believers at the Bema and 2) will there be any sorrow or regret?*

B. You are _____ in Christ but there are 10 present spiritual realities a believer in Christ can lose via carnality (1Cor. 3:11-15)

** If you have trusted in Christ alone and God's Word assures us you can't lose your salvation, you still can lose (through carnality)...*

1. your _____ in heaven. (1 Cor. 3:15; 9:27; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 2 John 1:8)

2. your _____ with God. (1 John 1:3-10; Luke 15:11-24)

3. your _____ (Ps. 51:12) and the _____ in your walk. (Gal. 5:16, 22-23)

4. your _____ in life. (Mark 8:34-38)

5. your _____ and _____ to others. (Matthew 5:10-16; Phil. 2:13-16)
6. your _____ and _____. (2 Peter 1:2-9b)
7. your _____ and _____ of salvation. (2 Peter 1:9-11)
8. your practical _____ over the world. (2 Peter 2:18-22)
9. your spiritual _____ and _____ (2 Peter 3:17-18)
10. your _____ (2 Timothy 2:13) and Biblical _____ (2 Timothy 3:12-4:4)

C. The Purpose of the Bema Seat Judgment (2 Cor. 5:10)

1. The *positive aspects* of the Bema is to evaluate the believer's _____ to purge the unacceptable works of the _____ and to _____ the believer for works produced via the _____ (1 Cor. 3:13-15).
2. The *negative aspects* of the Bema is: potential _____ from rewards; also to not _____ for the *things done whether good or bad*, and sense _____ before Him at His Second Coming (1 Cor. 9:27, 2 Cor. 5:10, 1 John 2:28).

D. The Nature of the Bema reward

1. The Scriptures promise the New Testament believer in Christ rewards also called _____ for faithfulness in Christian service (2 Tim. 4:8, Mat. 6:20)
2. The specific crowns are: the crown of _____ for believers faithful to God unto death in trials, the crown of _____ for believers being faithful in doing God's will, the crown of _____ for winning & ministering to souls for the Savior, and the crown of _____ for pastors/elders being faithful in their ministry (James 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; 1 Thess. 2:19-20; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

* How does this apply to you?