

## Responses to Eternal Judgment

**What assurance has God given us in Acts 17:31 that men will one day face judgment?**

### **THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

The Judgment Seat of Christ is described in II Corinthians 5:10 and I Corinthians 3:11-15. This is a judgment of the Christian's works. It is **not** a judgment of his sins. It is **not** to determine whether or **not** the Christian will be in heaven. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a judgment of the believer's motives and actions. There exists the glorious potential for rewards for actions done by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible refers to these rewards as crowns in Rev. 3:11 and 4:4.

#### A. The Crown of Life

"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." (James 1:12).

". . . be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. " (Revelations 2:10).

**According to these verses, what are the qualifications for receiving the Crown of Life?**

#### B. The Crown of Glory

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away." (I Peter 5:2-4).

What are the qualifications to receive the Crown of Glory?

#### C. The Crown of Righteousness

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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. " (II Timothy 4:7,8).

**What are the qualifications for receiving the Crown of Righteousness?**

#### D. The Crown of Rejoicing

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30).

"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? " (I Thessalonians 2:19).

## **What is the qualification for receiving the Crown of Rejoicing?**

These crowns are gifts that Jesus desires to give us at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Since they are of value to Him, they are of highest value to us. Further, they are something of heavenly, eternal worth that we may offer back to Him in gratitude for so great a salvation. How sad it would be to enter heaven empty handed, having nothing with which to say “thank you” to Jesus for our redemption.

God actually tells us there will be different ‘degrees of glory on His people in Dan. 12:3. What different degrees are there and what are they for?

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. “ (Daniel 12:3).

I Cor. 11:31 tells us to what if we do not want to come under judgment from God?

### **RESPONSE TO TRUTH:**

- 1. In light of the terrors of the Great White Throne Judgment for unbelievers, what should be your attitude toward all who are without Christ? What course of action will you take to be a witness for Christ?**
- 2. What did Paul say in 2 Cor. 5:11 his response was to others, in the light of the coming judgment?**
- 3. In light of the fact that you as a Christian will face the Judgment Seat of Christ to determine what if any rewards you will receive, how are you motivated to live for Jesus and to receive the above mentioned crowns?**