

The Judgment Seat of Christ

Not about salvation... but about reward

Morning Worship 10:45 AM

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INTRODUCTION

In this morning's message I want to talk about a particular sobering event you will experience when first arriving in heaven. It's called "The Judgment Seat of Christ," a judgment in which you will stand before the Lord Jesus to be evaluated for how you lived your life on the earth. For some Christians the mere mention of this judgment strikes fear and dread in the heart. I think that is because some Christians misunderstand its purpose. This morning I want to try and answer some questions about the Judgment Seat. Questions such as, who will stand at this judgment, does the judgment determine if I will go into heaven or not, will there be tears in heaven, will Christ bring up my sins, what does it mean that we could suffer loss and what does it mean to be saved by fire? What is the gold, silver, and precious stones Paul talks about, and what does it mean when the hay, wood, and stubble is burned up? These and other questions are what we're going to look at.

SERMON OUTLINE

- I. The Judgment Seat of Christ will occur sometime following your _____ into heaven.
- II. The Judgment Seat of Christ is reserved only for born-again _____.
- III. At this judgment you will stand and be evaluated by the _____.
- IV. This judgment is not to determine whether a person is _____ or not.
- V. This judgment is not so that you can be _____ for your sins after you get saved.
- VI. The purpose of this judgment is to evaluate your work for Christ so you can be _____.

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