

Forever: Eight Certainties In Every Believer's (Relatively) Near Future

An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 5

Certainty #6: You Will Stand Before Christ in Judgment

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

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The First Six Certainties

- Certainty #1: You will experience adversity that God will *forever* work for your good and his glory.
- Certainty #2: You will die and your temporal body will be separated from your *forever* soul.
- Certainty #3: You will enjoy life after death with the Lord in the intermediate state.
- Certainty #4: You will experience the uniting of your soul with your *forever* body in the resurrection.
- Certainty #5: You will witness the return of Christ to the earth in your *forever* body.
- Certainty #6: You will stand before Christ in judgment and receive consequences that last *forever*.

The Sixth Certainty: Judgment

Every human being will stand before Jesus Christ in judgment. We are all finally and ultimately accountable to him, and his judgment will be certain and perfect. Unbelievers who have rejected Christ will receive the justice of eternal punishment (Rev. 20:3–11). Believers who have received Christ, the one who suffered punishment in their place, will receive mercy and will be rewarded according to their grace-enabled works (2 Cor. 5:10). In 1 Corinthians 4:1–5, Paul highlights four crucial truths about the judgment to come for all believers:

1. It reveals the works that are the _____ of salvation, not the _____ of salvation (1).
2. It regards overall _____ to God, not overall _____ for God (2).
3. It reflects the _____ knowledge of God, not the _____ knowledge of fallen people (3–4).
4. It renders the rewards of _____ and _____, to serve God, not to serve self (5).