

# The Believers Reward

**\*\*Matthew 25:34 (NASB 2020)** *"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'*

**Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB 2020)** *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you: and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

## I. We, as believers, will be judged by Christ.

There are two judgments in the Bible. They are the Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema Seat) for believers (those who love and follow Jesus as Lord) and the Great White Throne Judgment for those who do not believe in (trust) Jesus Christ.

### A.) The Great White Throne is judgment for the sins of those who did not receive Christ.

**Revelation 20:11 (NASB 2020)** *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.*

**Revelation 20:14-15 (NASB 2020)** *Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

### B.) Bema Seat is a judgment to determine our reward/loss for our service as Christians, not for sins.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB 2020)** *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**John 3:36 (ESV)** *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

#### For our deeds/works

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

**\*\*Romans 14:11 (ESV)** *For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God...*

**Ephesians 6:7-8 (NASB 2020)** *With goodwill render service, as to the Lord, and not to people, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive this back from the Lord, whether slave or free.*

#### Or Suffer Loss

**1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (ESV)** *If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

## II. Christ is raising an army not audience!

**John 11:12 (ESV)** *From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.*

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (NKJV)** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

## III. We have all been given gifts

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)** *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

**Romans 12:6 (ESV)** *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:*

**Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB 2020)** *And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;*

## IV. Many have allowed the world to devalue the service to God

**Matthew 10:38 (ESV)** *And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

**Matthew 13:22 (ESV)** *As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.*

**\*\*Matthew 24:46 (NASB 2020)** *Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.*

**\*\*Luke 12:20-21 (ESV)** *But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."*

**V. We Are Rewarded Accordingly**

**John 12:26 (NASB 2020)** *If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*

**We need to remember the HONOR of serving the Lord!**

**John 13:17 (NASB 2020)** *If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

**Matthew 10:42 (ESV)** *And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."*

**Hebrews 6:10-12 (ESV)** *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

**Psalms 62:11-12 (NASB 2020)** *God has spoken once; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God; And faithfulness is Yours, Lord. For You reward a person according to his work.*

**Mark 10:29-30 (ESV)** *Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.*

**1 Corinthians 3:8-10 (NASB 2020)** *Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

**1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (ESV)** *If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.*