

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday, July 14th, 2024



Part 12: “Events in Heaven During the Tribulation”

Two Events in Heaven During the Tribulation in Which All Believers Will Be Participants:

Event #1. The _____ - 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12;

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God.’ So, then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:10b-12

Purposes: 1. To _____ what we have done for the Lord
2. To _____ what we have done for the Lord

*“For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...”
Romans 8:29a*

“Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:2-3

Crowns in Heaven:

1. The Crown of _____ - Given to those who faithfully persevere with self-discipline, sacrifice and self-control

“Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

2. The Crown of _____ (Soul winners crown) - Given to those who reach others with the gospel

“For who is our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of the Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?” 1 Thessalonians 2:19



3. The Crown of _____ - Given to those who possess a longing for the Lord Jesus and His return
"There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8
4. The Crown of _____ - Given to those who have endured and triumphed over trial, temptation and persecution
"Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12
5. The Crown of _____ - Given to those who are faithful shepherds of God's flock
"And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory." 1 Peter 5:4

MORE ABOUT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

What kinds of deeds will come through the fire of God's judgment as "gold" (1 Cor. 3:12)?

1. Deeds that flow out of your relationship with Jesus Christ.
 John 15:5 *"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."*
 Rev. 2:2a,4 *"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance...Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love."*
2. Deeds done with the right motive.
 Matthew 6:1 *"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."*
 1 Corinthians 10:31 *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*
3. Deed done out of love.
 Luke 6:35 *"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."*
 1 Corinthians 13:3 *"If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing."*

To fully understand what will be tested by Jesus, we should be very clear on what will NOT be up for review...

1. YOU will not be tested. You will not be subjected to fire, only your deeds will.
2. YOUR BELIEFS will not be tested, and you cannot lose your salvation - John 5:24 and 6:27.
3. YOUR SINS will not be judged. To stand at the judgment seat of Christ, you must already be in heaven, forgiven of your sins because of what you believed about Jesus while you were alive on earth. Because you put your faith in Him for your salvation, God accepted His death on Calvary as full, once-and-for-all payment for your sins. You can never again be judged for them.

If our salvation won't be tested and our sins won't be revisited, how could we then "experience loss" (1 Cor. 3:15)? In 1 Corinthians 9:27 Paul said that he disciplined himself so that he would not "become disqualified". Paul did not fear losing his salvation but rather the Lord's commendation – his reward (2 John 1:8). "The loss" suffered by believers at the judgment seat of Christ is the loss of Christ's reward as a result of our wrong choices here on earth.