THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST! 2 Timothy 2:11-13

This is a faithful saying, For if we died with Him [and we have, through retroactive positional truth], we shall also live with Him. If we endure [the mature believer under undeserved suffering] we shall also reign (rule) with Him [as a sign of maturity, undeserved suffering is also a guarantee of reward]. If we [the backslide believer, negative to His Word and His plan] deny (repudiate) Him, He also will deny us [no reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ]. If we are faithless, He remains faithful [salvation is secure]; He cannot deny Himself.

UNDERSTANDING SALVATION AND REWARDS

Salvation	Rewards	
Past (1 John 3:2)	Future (Rev. 22:12)	
Free (Eph. 2:8-9)	Earned (1 Cor. 3:8)	
Can't Be Lost (John 10:28-29)	Can Be Lost (2 John 1:8)	
Same for All Christians (Romans 3:22)	Different Among Christians (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)	
For Those Who Believe (John 3:16)	For Those Who Work (1 Corinthians 9:27)	

- Salvation is about *God's* work for us. Conversely, rewards are a matter of *our* work for God.
- God <u>saves</u> us because of Christ's work, not ours. God rewards us for <u>our</u> work.
- Belief (trust, faith) determines our eternal destination: where we will be.
- Behavior (obedience, works) determines our eternal rewards: what we will have there.
- Works do not affect our destination, since our *redemption* is secured by the work of Christ.
- However, works do affect our *reward* experienced at that destination.
- Just as there are eternal consequences to our <u>faith</u>, so there are eternal consequences to our <u>works</u>.

STEWARD'S SERVICE TIMELINE

BEGINEND

The Commission of the Steward	The Master Leaves	The Opportunity of Steward	The Master Returns	The Reward of the Steward
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Listing of Crowns and Rewards

- 1. The Crown of *glory* given to pastors for faithfully representing Christ in a position of spiritual leadership 1 Peter 5:1-4.
- 2. The Crown of <u>life</u> given for faithfulness to Christ in persecution and martyrdom James 1:12; Rev.2:10.
- 3. The Crown of <u>rejoicing</u> given for pouring oneself into others in evangelism and discipleship (1 Thess.2:19; Phil.4:1).
- 4. The Crown of <u>righteousness</u> given for faithfulness, being filled with the Spirit, and for resting in and applying the Word of God 2 Timothy 4:7-8.
- 5. The *incorruptible* Crown given for determination, discipline, and victory in the Christian life (1 Cor.9:24-25).
- 6. The Reward of accolade Matthew 25:21.
- 7. The Reward of rulership Luke 19:17-19.
- 8. The Reward of repayment Luke 14:13-14.
- 9. The Reward of spending eternity with others you have won to Christ Philippians 4:1; 1 Thess.2:19).