

The Judgment Seat of Christ
2 Cor. 5:9-10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15;
1 Cor. 9:24-27

I. Our Aim in Life – 2 Cor. 5:9-10

1. Understanding the essence of “life in Christ” – 5:14-15
If Christ died for all, in reality we have died with Him
He took our place and paid the debt of our sins
We are redeemed, bought with a price
We now belong to the One who bought us –
1 Cor. 6:19-20
The life we now live belongs to Jesus Christ –
Gal. 2:20
If that is true our aim ought to be, to live to please Him
2. Our Lord will evaluate how well we have so lived –
5:9-10
Have we so lived to please the One who died for us
The One who has given us eternal life (His life)
We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ
That each one may receive what is due
For what he has done in the body (here on earth)
Whether good or worthless
3. To receive “what is due” is explained by Paul –
1 Cor. 3:10-15

II. The Evaluating Process – 1 Cor. 3:10-15

1. The process is depending on God’s grace – 10
It is not the result of our own human effort
God saved us by His grace
His grace will enable us to live so as to please Him
But we must draw on His grace that is available in
the power of His Spirit
His Spirit lives in us so we might draw on His
wisdom as given in His Word
2. Christ has given us the foundation, on which we
build – 11
The only foundation, acceptable to God, is in His
Son
He sacrificed His life to provide payment for our sins
The Son of God is the only human that lived
pleasing to God (sinless)
Through His Holy Spirit He provides for us to follow
Jesus
The “fruits of the Spirit”, drawing on His power
Are listed for us in Galatians 5:22-23
3. Analogy of building considers materials – 12
The building materials we use are to be tested
They are gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay,
straw
4. The test is to prove value of materials – 13
Test of fire proves whether the material has lasting
value
Will it survive the test or will it be consumed?
5. If what we have done survives, there is reward – 14

If it is pleasing to Christ He will reward us

6. If what we did has no eternal value, it is consumed – 15
There is a sense of loss, that is loss of reward
But Paul makes it sure, not a loss of salvation

III. The Challenge of the Race – 1 Cor. 9:24-27

1. To win the prize – 24
“So run that you may obtain”
2. Calls for self-discipline – 25
Self-control is one of the fruits of the Spirit – Gal. 5:23
3. The reward we seek is lasting – 26-27
Imperishable
Paul does not want to be “beating the air” – 26
Nor does he want to be found “disqualified” – 27
After preaching to others

IV. Crowns are Promised

1. Crown of Life - James 1:12
Those who remain steadfast under trial
2. Crown of Righteousness – 2 Tim. 4:8
Those who “love His appearing”
3. Crown of Glory – 1 Peter 5:4
Those who shepherd the Lord’s sheep
This ministry can be done, building into the life of
another
4. 24 Elders receive crowns – Rev. 4:4
All these crowns are cast at Jesus’ feet – Rev. 4:10-14