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Series: The Hope of Heaven

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Main Text: [II Corinthians 5:10](#)

I. PICTURE OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

– Judgment Seat = “Bema” (Raised platform for judgments)

– Examples:

- Herod Agrippa – [Acts 12](#)
- Paul – Corinth
- Grecian Games platform for rewarding victors

II. PEOPLE OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- “We” (Believers) – [2 Corinthians 5](#)
- All believers reviewed; unbelievers judged at Great White Throne ([Revelation 20:11–15](#))

III. PURPOSE OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- Not guilt or innocence—settled at Calvary
- Evaluation of service, faithfulness, obedience

IV. PROVOCATION FOR THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

A. Personal Reason (v.9)

- To be “well pleasing” to Christ

B. Practical Reason (v.11)

- Awareness of unbelievers’ judgment compels evangelism
- [Acts 20:31](#); [Romans 10:1](#); [Romans 9:3](#)

C. Primary Reason (v.14)

Christ’s Love and Judgment

- Christ's love constrains us

FIVE CROWNS GIVEN

1. Incorruptible Crown – [I Corinthians 9:25–27](#) (Discipline & victory over the flesh)
2. Crown of Rejoicing – [I Thessalonians 2:19](#) (Soulwinner's crown)
3. Crown of Righteousness – [II Timothy 4:7–8](#) (Loving Christ's appearing)
4. Crown of Life – [James 1:12](#) (Faithfulness under trial; persecution)
5. Crown of Glory – [I Peter 5:4](#) (Faithful shepherds/pastors)

Conclusion:

- Christ's love motivates service.
- One day crowns will be cast before Him in worship.