

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5:9-11

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WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE RIGHT HEART FOR HIS MINISTRY

Part 2

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Introduction to the Text; **2nd Corinthians 5:9-11**

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

a reminder this morning that if you're a Christian,

Then all of your sins have been judged at the cross of Jesus Christ.
Never to be remembered / never to be reviewed / never to be talked of again.

Psalm 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; **12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

But now - as a Christian, everything we've done, or shall do

Will be judged by Jesus Christ Himself regarding our love and obedience for Him and to Him. - - Our faithfulness to Him in this life will be called into question.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

1.) He will review our opportunities v. 9

HE WILL REVIEW OUR OPPORTUNITIES

1a.) Was Jesus Christ your passion v. 9

Therefore we make it our aim (finishing point, target),

1b.) Was Jesus Christ your reason v. 9

whether ambitiously regardless of location present or absent,

We Pick It Up Here: _____

HE WILL REVIEW OUR OPPORTUNITIES

1c.) Was Jesus Christ your inspiration v. 9

to be well pleasing (glad to His eyes) to Him.

Pleasing εὐάρεστος **euarestos**, *yoo-ar'-es-tos*; to make fully agreeable, fully acceptable. Well pleasing to the thought or to the eyes.

Psalm 139:16-18 NLT

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. :17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

The Fact Alone That God Exists, In and Of Itself should be the cause, or the accelerant within us to bring about the most profound response from us as human beings = *praise and worship*.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His **workmanship**, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

We are His **workmanship**

ποίημα ποιημα, *poiy'-ay-mah*; a project/product, a tapestry or woven fabric, something being made by a master craftsman.

God **prepared beforehand**

κτίζω ktizo, *ktid'-zo*; implies. to transfer an idea into a created reality. In science we would use the term **teleo-nometry** to generate an idea or plan – **ordained, tailor made. perfectly fitted to your life.**

We **should (as a fact of life)** walk in them

περιπατέω peripateo, *per-ee-pat-eh'-o*; to walk in the sandal. To put on the shoe. To tread all around, to walk at large. Old eng. = deportment, to carry ones self with a firm confidence.

??? would you like a little inspiration ???

Jer. 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Before your DNA had been established and before you

were the size of a grape-nut, God had PREDETERMINED your skills, talents, giftings and opportunities. These privileges are God-given rights to live life and we will be called to stand before and answer back to Him...

You may have been born without instructions tied to your Big Toe, but you were born with a start date and an end date and a life to be lived in-between.

He has given you spiritual gifts that are divinely woven
into the person that you are.

The way you see things. The desires you have and the interests you possess, your life's experience – all are masterfully engineered by God to make you THE PERSON HE HAS HAND SELECTED YOU TO BE.
(its your testimony – and no one else's)

WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

2.) He will reward our faithfulness v. 10

HE WILL REWARD OUR FAITHFULNESS

2a.) He will unveil the real you v. 10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
For we (the Christian) must (required) all (Only those belonging to Him)
appear before the judgment seat of Christ

Before we go any further,
lets look at the Judgment that the Christian **will NOT** appear before.

Rev. 20:11-13

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT
IS CONDUCTED BY JESUS CHRIST REGARDING
ALL TOO-LATE-BELIEVERS.**

**THE BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT
IS CONDUCTED BY JESUS CHRIST REGARDING
ALL SAVED-BELIEVERS.**

What Will Happen @ The Bema Seat Judgment ?

We will be judged as to How we treated other believers:

Hebrews 6:10, Matthew 10:41-42

We will be judged as to How we exercised authority over others:

Hebrews 13:17, James 3:1

We will be judged as to How we used our God-given gift/abilities:

1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4

We will be judged as to How we used our resources:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 1 Timothy 6:17-19

We will be judged as to How we spent our time

Psalms 90:12, Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 4:5, 1 Peter 1:17

We will be judged as to How we endured suffering for Jesus' sake:

Matthew 5:11-12, Mark 10:29-30, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 1 Peter 4:12-13

We will be judged as to How we ran our particular race for God:

1 Corinthians 9:24, Philippians 2:16, 3:13-14, Hebrews 12:1

We will be judged as to How effectively we controlled our bodies:

1 Corinthians 9:25-27, 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Corinthians 16:3, Philippians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4

We will be judged as to How we told others about Jesus Christ:

Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:3, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

We will be judged as to How we reacted to temptation:

James 1:2-3, Revelation 3:10

We will be judged as to How we anticipated Jesus' return:

2 Timothy 4:8, 1 John 3:3.

How faithful we were to the Word of God:

Acts 20:26-28, 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 1 Peter 5:2-4

Hebrews 10:30b-31

“The LORD will judge His people.” (THEREFORE)

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

It is going to be exciting to stand there someday.
You do not want to miss this judgment because it's going to be God honored.

So live, doing the works that he has ordained for you

2 Timothy 1:12b

...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that
He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Paul saw himself handing Jesus his every act of service.
Paul handed Jesus his worship. He handed Jesus his time, his energy, his
attention... until that Day

HE WILL REWARD OUR FAITHFULNESS

2b.) He will reward what you did v. 10

that each one may receive the things done in the body,

The Laurel, = The Gold, The Silver, The Bronze;

All of the recipients receive what they have invested for the Kingdom. All of those
present will receive some sort of a reward for having
served Jesus Christ in this life.

You Might Say This Morning - That's OK, Really. I Don't Need Any Crown or
Recognition - REALLY?

Rev. 4:10-11

the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship
Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You
created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

That Famous Verse of Matthew 25:21 "Well done my faithful servant"
Will take place right here at the Judgment Seat of Christ, The Bema.

Rev. 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me,
to give to every one according to his work.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

Will You Today Respond To Christ's Offer?

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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