

Six Key Questions

1. Who?
2. What?
3. When?
4. Where?
5. Why?
6. How?



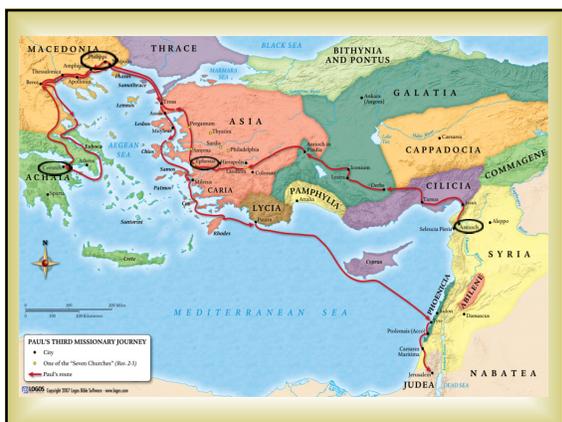
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2 Corinthians



- ☞ Paul's 2nd letter to the church at Corinth
- ☞ 56 BC
- ☞ Written from Macedonia
- ☞ Corinth - Major Greek city; pagan; perverse; Taken over by Rome in 146 BC
- ☞ Purpose: 1) To express joy from the response of his 1st letter, 2) To remind believers of commitment to Christians in Judea, 3) To defend Paul's apostolic authority.*
- ☞ Corinth - Gk: **Korinthiazomai** - "to practice fornication"

*Source: Adapted from Ryrie Study Bible, 2 Corinthians.



Outline of 2 Corinthians



- ☞ I. Introduction (1:1 - 11)
- ☞ II. Paul's Conciliation with Respect to the Problem at Corinth (1:12 - 2:13)
- ☞ **III. Paul's Apostolic Ministry (2:14 - 6:10)**
- ☞ IV. Paul's Exhortation to the Corinthians (6:11 - 7:16)
- ☞ V. Paul's Solicitation for the Judean Saints (8:1 - 9:15)
- ☞ VI. Paul's Vindication of Himself (10:1 - 12:18)
- ☞ VII. Paul's Concluding Remarks (12:19 - 13:14)

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 - ☞ A. Paul's Compulsions of the Ministry (5:1 - 21)
 - ☞ i. The assurance of resurrection (5:1 - 9)
 - ☞ ii. **The Judgment Seat of Christ (5:10-13)**
 - ☞ iii. The Love of Christ (5:14 - 21)

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2 Cor 5:9 (NASB)



☞ 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

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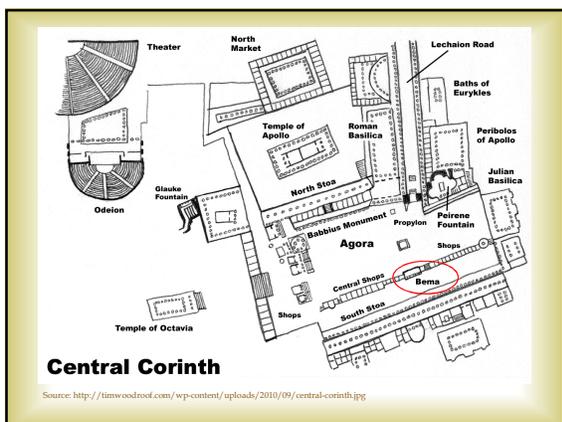


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Scripture's Four Judgments

Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	Judgment Seat of Christ	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	<u>1 Cor 3:10-15</u>	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	<u>Heaven</u>	Earth
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	<u>Church Age believers</u>	All unsaved
When	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	<u>After rapture</u>	After Millennium
Purpose	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	<u>Reward believers</u>	Degree of punishment in hell
Evaluation	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	<u>Works taken through fire</u>	Not in the book; judged by books







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Luke 14:13-14 (NASB)

❧ 13 "But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

❧ 14 and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be **repaid at the resurrection** of the righteous."

When?

1 Cor 4:5 (NASB)

☞ Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait **until the Lord comes** who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

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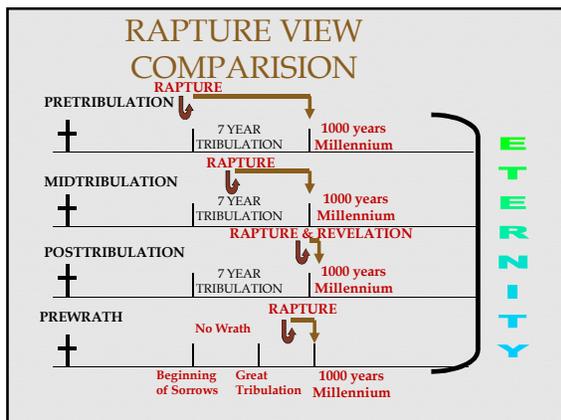
2 Tim 4:8 (NASB)

☞ "In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me **on that day**; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved **His appearing**."

When?

Rev 22:12 (NASB)

☞ "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."



Where?

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J. Dwight Pentecost ~ 1915-2014



“It is scarcely necessary to point out that this examination must take place in the sphere of the heavens. It is said in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 that ‘we shall be caught up...in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.’ Since the bema seat follows the translation, the ‘air’ must be the scene of it. This is further supported by 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, where Paul is describing events that take place when the believer is ‘absent from the body, and...present with the Lord.’ Thus, this event must take place in the Lord’s presence in the sphere of the ‘heavens.’”

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Things to Come* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958), 221.

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John 5:24 (NASB)

☞ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

The 3 Phases of Salvation



Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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1 Cor 3:10 - 15 (NASB)

- ☞ 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.
- ☞ 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- ☞ 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**
- ☞ 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the **quality** of each man's work.
- ☞ 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.
- ☞ 15 If any **man's work is burned up,** he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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Matthew 6:1-7

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise **you have no reward** with your Father who is in heaven. "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret **will reward you.** "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

"The judgment seat of Christ might be compared to a commencement ceremony. At graduation there is some measure of disappointment and remorse that one did not do better and work harder. However, at such an event the overwhelming emotion is joy, not remorse. The graduates do not leave the auditorium weeping because they did not earn better grades. Rather, they are thankful that they have been graduated, and they are grateful for what they did achieve. To overdo the sorrow aspect of the judgment seat of Christ is to make heaven hell. To under do the sorrow aspect is to make faithfulness inconsequential" (underlining mine).

Samuel Hoyt, "The Judgment Seat of Christ in Theological Perspective," Part 2, Bibliotheca Sacra, electronic media.

Crowns found in the Bible

Crown	Reference	Description
The Incorruptible Crown	1 Cor. 9:24,25	For the one who masters the old nature
The crown of rejoicing	1 Thess. 2:19 - 20; Dan 12:3	For the one who leads people to Christ
The crown of life (or crown of Martyrs - Rev 2:8-11)	James 1:12	For those who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death
The crown of righteousness	2 Tim. 4:8	For those who love and anxiously wait and look forward to the day of His return at the Rapture.
The crown of glory	1 Pet. 5:1 - 4	For those who faithfully teach the flock.

Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Preparation for the Bema Seat of Christ



1. How we treat other believers (Hebrews 6:10)
2. How we use our God given talents, abilities and opportunities (Matt 25; Luke 19)
3. How we use our money (1 Tim 6:17-18)
4. How well we take injustice and mistreatment (Matt 5:11-12)
5. How we endure sufferings and trials (James 1:12)



Preparation for the Bema Seat of Christ



6. How we spend our time (Psalm 90:12; Eph 5:16)
7. How we run the race (Heb 12:1; 1 Cor 9:24)
8. How effectively we control our sin nature (1 Cor 9:27)
9. How much souls we win for Christ (Dan 12:3; 1 Thess 2)
10. How much the doctrine of the Rapture means to us (2 Tim 4:8)



Preparation for the Bema Seat of Christ



11. How faithful we are to God's word and His people (2 Tim 4:1-2)
12. How hospitable we are to strangers (Luke 14:12)
13. How we support other people in ministry (Matt 10:40-41)
14. How faithful we are at our occupations or anything we put our hands to (Col 3:23)
15. How we use our tongue (Matt 12:36)



Six Key Questions

- 1. Who? Church age believers
- 2. What? A Judgement/Evaluation
- 3. When? After the Rapture
- 4. Where? In the Heavens
- 5. Why? To Determine Reward/Authority
- 6. How? 15 Test Question to Study and Prepare!

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The Judgment Seat of Christ