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2 CORINTHIANS



## Sermon Series Notes

"The Judgment Seat Of Christ" (II Cor.5:1-10)  
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### I. THE TEXT

vv.1-4 If we do not get new bodies until after the resurrection, what kind of "house" will we have in heaven until the resurrection?

\* Illus: My temporary crown

\* v.1 "Tent" suggests that this is not our permanent dwelling. We are just passin' through

\* I Cor.15: 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.  
53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

v.5 God planned for us to live in immortality. WOW!

\* I have a guarantee for this hope - the Holy Spirit

v.8 Preference to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

\* Would you rather be away from your body right now and at home with the Lord? Come on, be honest

\* Phil.1: 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;  
24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

\* Sometimes we do not desire to leave this life because we have it so good

v.9 This is the bottom line. And until one comes to the place that they look forward to leaving the body and being "at home" with the Lord, they are not in a position to live in a way that is pleasing to Him while in the body.

v.10 Motivation to live for Him now (while in this temporary tent)

\* Rom.14: 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."

12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

## II. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

### A. Two Judgments

#### 1. Great White Throne (Rev.20:11-15; 21:27; Matt.25:31-46)

\* Eccl.12: 13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

\* Heb.4: 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

\* Judged for sin

#### 2. Judgment Seat of Christ

\* Judged for service

### B. Criteria For Judgment Before Christ

#### 1. Building Materials (I Cor.3:12-15)

\* CC Gulf Breeze building skate park without using pressure treated wood.

\* The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the sweetness of cheap price.

\* Gold, silver, & precious stones suggest giving it your best it cost you something sacrifice. It is not in any way a half-hearted effort.

\* What sacrifices have you made for Christ? What has living for Christ cost you? (Phil.3:8).

#### 2. Motives (I Cor.4:3-5)

\* Psalm 139: 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

\* See I Samuel 10:5-6; 15:7-12, 17

\* Saul went from a motive to honor the Lord to a motive to honor himself (see I Samuel 15:20-22).

\* Note: Someone may be making great sacrifices to the Lord, but their motive be all wrong (see Matt.23:5-7; 6:1-2).

### 3. Ministry (II Cor.5:17-20)

a. Sharing my faith (II Cor.4:13; 5:11; Matt.28:19-20)

b. Serving the church (Eph.4:16; Rom.12:6-8)

### 4. Money

a. Not allowing money to become my master (I Peter 5:2-4).

b. Investing my money for kingdom purposes (Matthew 25:14-30).

### 5. Maturity (James 1:12, context; Rev.2:10; Heb.5:8-6:1a)

## C. How To Prepare For The Judgment Seat Of Christ

\* II Cor.13: 5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

\* I Cor.11:29-32

\* The Lord's Table every service next weekend

\* Continue adding to your faith (II Peter 1:3-11)

## CONCLUSION

\* Rev.3: 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.