

“PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN” part 2

MATTHEW 25:14-30; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

I. ALL CHRIST’S SERVANTS WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

A. *The only way to appear at the judgment seat of Christ is if your sin had already been judged at the cross of Christ and you had trusted who He is and what He had done on that cross*

B. *All and each of Christ’s servants have been given a gift with which to serve the body of Christ AND the death of the old man, complete forgiveness, the fruit of the Spirit implanted, a new man created by the Spirit because of Christ’s resurrection, promises that lead to partaking in the divine nature, power to live life here now and in the future, indwelling and seal of the Holy Spirit and authority to represent Christ on earth.*

C. *We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of ourselves as stewards of His gospel and gifts*

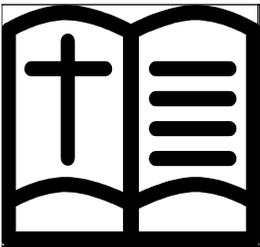
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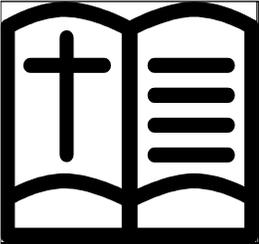
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II. PRINCIPLES WE CAN GARNER FROM THE JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS, CHRIST’S SERVANTS

A. *From the parable: Christ rewards faithfulness, not results; both men who had gains were given the same reward; this is the entry point*



- B. We are judged for what we did with what WE were given; there is not a comparison with others in His judgment; not responsible for other's work*
- C. This judgment is only for His own servants, not the rest of the world and only after He has given us a spiritual gift with which to work as well as all the tools and processes with which to work*
- D. We are judged for the work we built on the foundation of Christ using the power with which He gifted us to work; some will have more value than others i.e.*
- 1. Gold, silver, precious stones: works done in the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit such as personal, closet prayer, abiding in Christ, loving the brethren, doing good to all men, cup of cold water in Jesus name, those who come to Christ because of your witness, faithful use of your gift; obedience in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit; faithful to Christ*
 - 2. Wood, hay, stubble: works done by the religious self that had no value to Christ such as wasted hours, empty words, prayerlessness, neglect of the brethren, neglect of Christ, failure to use our gift; obedience by self-effort; negligence; building a life off the wisdom of this world and not Christ*
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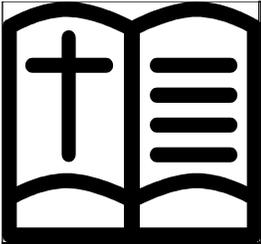
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