
Evaluation & Judgment

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Acts 24:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:8-15; Revelation 20:11-15

**Best Advice Given To Me,
“Life Is Not About You”**

I. What is life about?

- A. We do have a purpose
- B. We do have meaning
- C. We do have significance
- D. But only as it pertains to the Kingdom of God & eternity
- E. Jesus put it this way, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God...” Matthew 6:33

II. Why is this so important?

- A. We have a choice
 - 1. Work for temporal reward
 - 2. Work for eternal reward
- B. Here is the difference
 - 1. Temporal reward is short-lived, temporary, evaporates, & collapses
 - 2. Eternal reward helps today, blesses tomorrow, & lasts forever

III. What brings eternal reward to the believer in Messiah?

- A. Leading others to Jesus
- B. Out of love for Jesus, bless & serve others
- C. To give in a way that blesses others & points people to Jesus
- D. To worship in Spirit & truth
- E. To follow Him, obey Him, know Him, & for Him to know you

IV. Why does this matter?

- A. 2 types of people according to the Bible
 - 1. Lost
 - 2. Saved
- B. Both will have a time of evaluation or judgment
- C. After they have been resurrected from the dead

V. What are the events of the believers evaluation?

- A. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ
 - 1. Personal
 - 2. Inevitable
 - 3. Determinable
- B. Let's be clear
 - 1. This is not about entrance to Heaven
 - 2. This is about rewards given
- C. Some examples of rewards given
 - 1. Imperishable crown for the overcomer
 - 1 Corinthians 9:24
 - 2. Soul winners crown
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:19
 - 3. Crown of righteousness, living in expectancy of His appearing
 - 2 Timothy 4:8

4. The crown of life, endured suffering, faithful in persecution
 - James 1:12
5. Crown of glory, those who cared for God's people
 - 1 Peter 5:2-4

D. What will be evaluated?

1. Works
2. Motives
3. Faithfulness
4. Loyalty
5. Responsibility

E. The primary point

1. Our lives matter for eternity
2. What we do as believers will be evaluated
3. Rewards will be granted based on what we have done
4. Salvation is by grace through faith
5. Rewards given as to what we have done to Jesus

VI. The resurrection of the nonbeliever

- A. Not for reward but for judgment
- B. God is just, history ends with justice
- C. Every decision matters
- D. Most sobering scene in the Bible, the sentence of the guilty

VII. What the final judgment will look like

- A. A judge with no jury
- B. Jesus will be the judge
 1. The one who took our judgment
 2. Will judge those who refused His grace
 3. John 5:22

- C. No debate, nothing hidden, unavoidable, inescapable, eternal
- D. Chesterson's quote, "Hell is God's great compliment to the reality of human freedom & dignity of human choice"
- E. Accused will have no appeal
 1. Great & small
- F. The 5 categories of people being judged
 1. The pious
 2. The proud
 3. The pretender
 4. The procrastinator
 5. The perverse
- G. Ruling based on recordings kept
 1. Exhibit "A", The books
 - a. What was said & done
 - b. What was suppressed & denied - Romans 1:18
 - c. The rejection of the Gospel
 2. Exhibit "B", Book of Life
- H. Varying degrees, levels, of judgment, but same time
- I. Punishment with no probation
 1. A time of execution
 2. The warning of Jesus
 - a. Gehenna
 - b. 2nd death

**Both Places Are Eternal
Our Life Has Eternal Purpose
It Begins The Moment You Believe
John 3:16**