

“INTRODUCING THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST”

** Is this event really that important in your Christian life?*

I. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

A. WHY HAS THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST BEEN SO NEGLECTED?

This subject has largely been ignored or confused due to . . .

- 1) . . . our sinful human tendency to reject or neglect _____ to authority.
- 2) . . . a failure to distinguish between _____ and _____.
- 3) . . . a failure to correctly interpret _____ portions of God’s Word.

** Does the Bible teach one general eschatological judgment?*

** What major judgments must be distinguished in Scripture?*

B. WHAT IS THE SETTING FOR THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?

1. The PERIOD of the Judgment Seat of Christ

- a) This judgment will take place *after* the _____ or _____ of the Church. (Luke 14:14; 1 Cor. 3:13; 4:5; Phil. 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; James 5:8-9; 1 Pt. 5:4; Rev. 3:11; 22:12)
- b) This judgment will also take place *before* the _____ of Christ to the earth. (Rev. 19:7-8)

2. The PLACE of the Judgment Seat of Christ

a) According to Scripture, Church-age believers will “meet the Lord _____” at the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:17) and _____ with Christ to set up the Kingdom (Rev. 19:7-14).

b) Since Church-age believers are described as being already rewarded while _____ prior to the Tribulation (Rev. 4:4, 10), Christ’s *bēma* judgment must occur between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation.

** How long will the judgment at Christ’s bēma last?*

3. The PARTICIPANTS at the Judgment Seat of Christ

a) The _____ will be none other than the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 10:42; 17:31; 1 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5).

** Why is He uniquely qualified to judge? (John 5:22, 27; Rom. 14:10*; Eph. 6:9; 2 Tim. 4:8)*

b) The _____ will include _____ (2 Cor. 1:1; 5:10).

** How does all of this apply to you?*