

“THE JUDGMENT SEAT: COMMENDATION OR CONDEMNATION?”

* 2 Scenarios: a commendation or condemnation?

- I. WHAT IS THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?**
- II. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SALVATION & REWARDS?**
- III. WHAT ARE GOD’S PURPOSES FOR THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?**
- IV. WHAT ARE GOD’S CRITERIA FOR GRANTING REWARDS?**
- V. WHAT REWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT?**
- VI. WILL THE JUDGMENT SEAT INVOLVE COMMENDATION OR CONDEMNATION?**

A. The CONFUSION Regarding the Nature of the Bema

1. Many dispensationalists are now teaching that believers will be _____, _____, and even _____ for their post-salvation sins at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2. The traditional dispensational view teaches that the purpose of the Judgment Seat is not to punish believers for their post-salvation sins but to determine the _____ of eternal _____ that each believer receives for our _____.

** Does this question really matter?*

B. The CLARIFICATION Regarding the Nature of the Bema

1. At justification, God deals with us as _____ by removing the guilt of our sin through the _____ work of Christ. (Rom. 3:25; 5:1; 1 Jn. 2:2, 12)

** What is the believer’s standing before God from this point onward? (Eph. 1:6)*

** Will justified believers ever face God’s condemnation? (John 3:36; 5:24; Rom. 8:1)*

2. During our earthly life as believers, God deals with us as _____ using _____ to cause growth in sanctification and conformity to His will. (1 Cor. 11:28-32; 1Tim. 1:20; Heb. 12:5-11)

** Is this purpose of this punitive or pedagogical?*

3. In heaven at the Judgment Seat, God will deal with us as _____ whose opportunities to grow spiritually or earn rewards are finished (1 Cor. 3:12-15; Rev. 14:13).

** What will be the point of reproof, chastisement or punishment at this point?*

** What does it mean that God will remember our sins no more? (Ps. 103:12; Isa. 38:17; Jer. 31:34; Micah 7:19; Heb. 8:12; 10:17)*

4. Even passages that speak of the “bad” or “wrong” that believers have done that are evaluated at the Judgment do not actually say that we will _____. (2 Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:25)

** What “negative” things can believers experience at the Bema? (1 Cor. 3:15; 1 John 2:28)*

** If the Bema involves no condemnation, then does it really matter how you live? (Heb. 11:35; 2 Jn. 8)*

5. All believers in Christ are to _____ for Christ’s coming as their Blessed Hope, accompanied by _____ and _____. (1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:4-11; Titus 2:13; 1 Peter 1:7, 13; Jude 24)

** What emotional response will prevail for believer’s at the Judgment Seat of Christ?*