

Will You Be Ashamed At The Judgment Seat Of Christ?

Colossians 2:18c

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18 **Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize**

1 Corinthians 5:10

10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

But not everyone will receive rewards or prizes.

1 John 2:28

28 **Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.**

So, the question for each of us is **will we receive rewards or will we be shamed?**

How you live each day will determine your recompense.

Whether or not you walked by Faith in the Holy Spirit.

There are those who use very clever interpretation of this verse in 1 John to deny that any believer will suffer shame. they say something like: *“why, that just does not sound like anything a loving Savior would do... cause those He saved to suffer shame”*.

This is not unlike those who contend that *“no one will go to the lake of fire; a loving God just would not do that!”*

There are two major problems with both of these views.

First:

The problem with both of these thoughts is they allow their ‘theology’ to interpret the Bible.

A correct exegesis and interpretation forms our theology.

Our theology does not interpret passages.

Second:

People, please remember that God... and JESUS CHRIST are Perfect Righteousness and They demand **Perfect Righteousness** for Salvation and for Rewards in Eternity.

In support of the shame mentioned in 1 John 2:28 we will look at Colossians 3:24-25

24 **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**

25 **For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.**

And again, what is the “**WRONG**”?

Not sin,

for all sins were taken care of on the cross,

the **WRONG** is to refuse to use the power God and JESUS CHRIST sent to every believer that is the Indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

And every time a believer does something (*not specifically sin*) (*but good in the eyes of the world*) and the believer does these human good acts refusing to do them in the Power of the Holy Spirit which was graciously supplied to every believer; JESUS CHRIST judges this as '**BAD**'.

1 John 2:28

28 **Now, little children**
The Greek word translated **little children** is **TEKNION** and is a term of affection by a teacher to his students.

Now there are several ways of expressing how we are to live so that we will receive a reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ, BEFORE WHOM WE MUST ALL STAND AFTER THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

John, here in verse 28 of 1 John 2, uses the expression **abide in Him.**

PRESENT ACTIVE IMPERATIVE MENO to remain, to abide, to dwell... **TO LIVE in Him** and the **PRESENT** means this should characterize your life—every day—all day, in times of tribulation, in times of rejoicing and when the days are boring.

We are to abide in Him... that is we are to abide in Jesus Christ. And the **IMPERATIVE**—this is a daily command in your life.

Question #1: What does it mean to **abide in Him**?

Question #2: How do we **abide in Him**?

Let us start off with an extremely important point; there is a great deal of confusion about this command to **abide in Him**.

This confusion cannot clear up **until you fully grasp the reality that you are saved**.

In our study in Colossians we have seen this in many ways.

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| (1) | In Colossians 1:2 we are called ' saints ' those set apart by God in Christ. | Verse 2 |
| (2) | And we are eternally saved by Faith in JESUS CHRIST. | Verse 4 |
| (3) | We love in the Holy Spirit which only a believer can do. | Verse 8 |
| (4) | We are in His Kingdom of light. | Verse 2 |
| (5) | We have been rescued from Satan's domain of Darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of His Son. | Verse 13 |
| (6) | We have been redeemed. | Verse 14 |
| (7) | We have been reconciled. | Verse 22 |
| (8) | Christ in you, the hope of glory. | Verse 27 |
| (9) | and
point 9 is very important to our study of abiding in Him for in 2:10.
<u>and in Him you have been made complete,</u> | Verse 10 |

So, in correctly understanding what it means to **abide in Him**, we must understand that we are **eternally saved**.

No carnal act in our lives can take away our eternal salvation in Christ.

There is a distinct difference between

being in Christ and **abiding in Christ**.

Being in Christ is a permanent position that cannot be lost while **Abiding in JESUS CHRIST** can be lost.

In Christ is the place of every born-again believer.

One must first be ***IN CHRIST*** before he can ***ABIDE IN CHRIST***

We are ***IN CHRIST*** by Faith in Christ.

being in Christ and **abiding in Christ**.

Being in Christ is a permanent position that cannot be lost while **Abiding in JESUS CHRIST** can be lost.

Romans 6:11; 8:1; 16:7;	1 Corinthians 1:30; 3:1; 15:19 and 22;
2 Corinthians 1:21; 5:17;	Galatians 2:4; 3:28;
Ephesians <u>2:10</u> and 13;	Philippians 1:

Believers are never exhorted to be *IN CHRIST*

they ***ARE IN HIM*** by **FAITH**.

But we are exhorted to ***abide in Him***.

Abide in Him

Being in the **IMPERATIVE MOOD** puts every believer on alert; there is nothing that we can do to lose our Salvation or to state it better:

**There is nothing that we are to do to maintain our Salvation,
...to maintain our position in Christ!**

But we can lose our abiding in Christ.

So, again, the question:

HOW DO WE ABIDE IN JESUS CHRIST?

Answer:

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH! FAITH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHY DID JESUS CHRIST AND GOD THE FATHER SEND US THE HOLY SPIRIT? ...John 14

JESUS CHRIST sends the Holy Spirit—*PARAKLETOS* and in the discussion of the Holy Spirit; JESUS CHRIST speaks of them in Him and He in them—

ALL IN DISCUSSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Having fellowship with Him and with the Father
is by means of the Holy Spirit!

We can lose fellowship with God the Father,
and with JESUS CHRIST.

How?

Through sin!

BY STOP WALKING BY FAITH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

And how do we regain fellowship?
By going back to Faith in the Holy Spirit.

PRINCIPLE:

When we believe in JESUS CHRIST, what happens?

We are in union with God the Father.

JESUS CHRIST came to bring us to God the Father.

So, when we put our Faith in JESUS CHRIST –
it results in relationship with God the Father.

Gospel of John 14:6

6 **...no one comes to the Father but through me.**

Now, when we put our Faith in the Holy Spirit, He (the Holy Spirit) takes us to fellowship with JESUS CHRIST.

It seems from many passages that we ought to put our Faith in JESUS CHRIST but JESUS CHRIST is not with us, He is with the Father, and He resides in us, by the presence of the power of His Holy Spirit.

When we trust in JESUS CHRIST, we are with God the Father.

When we trust in the Holy Spirit, we are with JESUS CHRIST and He is with us.

1 John 2:28

28 **Now, little children, abide in Him,**

In the **PRESENT IMPERATIVE**, means that this is up to each believer. Each believer must make a Decision of Faith to abide in JESUS CHRIST.

We CANNOT, We DO NOT, Abide in Him by anything we do in the flesh.

We cannot '**yield**' ourselves to abide in Him, it is not by something we do;

When we put our Faith in the Holy Spirit, He (God the Holy Spirit) places us experientially in Christ.

Now, why should we abide in Christ each day in our lives?

so that for this purpose **when He appears,**

Not 'IF He appears' but **when He appears** conjunction of time plus **AORIST PASSIVE SUBJUNCTIVE** of the verb which means just that— ***WHEN HE MANIFEST HIMSELF, WHEN HE MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN*** (and note the **PASSIVE VOICE**— JESUS CHRIST receives being made known.)

This is according to the Plan of God.

People,

God has this moment marked in His divine Time Table.

The **SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD** is used for this very purpose—*whenever God is ready to make JESUS CHRIST known to all members of the Church.*

Ok, we saw this last week, there are two ‘**returns**’ of the Lord, there are two ‘**appearances**’ of the Lord.

The First at the Rapture of the Church.

The Second at His physical return to the earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

We are here concerned with His appearance right after the Rapture of the Church.

1 John 2:28

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Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence “we may have” is **PRESENT**

SUBJUNCTIVE of the verb to have something...

here **we may have confidence or boldness**

CONFIDENCE IN WHAT?

Confidence that we will receive rewards at Judgment Seat of Christ.

Every believer should have this **CONFIDENCE** because we have been **ASSURED** of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the leading of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

You see, JESUS CHRIST has assured us of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and, therefore, we should have confidence in living the Spirit Filled Life and, therefore, confident at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Having the assurance of the Holy Spirit we should have CONFIDENCE IN OUR LIVES.

Now the verb 'we may have' was in the **SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD**, meaning here, *maybe we will be confident* at the Judgment Seat of Christ... or... *maybe we will not!*

And if not, then what?

Shame

and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

The **AORIST PASSIVE SUBJUNCTIVE** of the verb for shame and in the **PASSIVE VOICE** is translated **be put to shame!**

And, people, this is not what I say, **THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD.**

There will be a multitude of believers throughout the Church Age who as they stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ will be **put to shame.**

Not put to shame because of sins,
but because they did not ABIDE in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

SHAME always emphasizes what produces **shame.**

In this case standing before JESUS CHRIST the believer will suffer **shame** because of the things he did out of the Filling of the Holy Spirit. As to reaping something good from this verse, shame acts as a stimulus to live our lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we glorify JESUS CHRIST in all we do.

You won't be able to speak out to the judge—look at all I did, all the money I gave, the number of people I witnessed to, look at all I did for you; because you know He will respond yes you did those things but not in the power of the Holy Spirit whom I and the Father sent to you, to empower you to glorify me in your life.

Sin violates the principle of honor that should characterize a believer in JESUS CHRIST. While **human good**—(doing good in flesh); it is **shameful** to use the flesh to do those things we should do in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is **shameful** for a believer in JESUS CHRIST, a New Spiritual Creation, to function in the power of the sinful flesh from which he has been saved.

and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

Look in the margin of the NASV—
not **at His coming** but **at His presence**.

Remember that you will be standing before Him, looking at Him face to face and He will make evident that you did not abide in Him, that is, you did not perform in the energy of the Holy Spirit but in the energy of the flesh.

Please do not let this happen to even one of you.

You decide:

Will you have confidence at Judgment Seat of Christ or will you suffer shame?

Objection:

There are some who object saying that there will be no more tears or sorrow or any such thing. Right idea but not in the time line of future events. The passage they refer is Revelation 21:1.

- 1 **Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.**
- 2 **And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.**
- 3 **And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,**
- 4 **and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."**

The solution is in the time line.

First:

**The Church Age,
then the Rapture of the church off earth,
then the Judgment Seat of Christ,
followed by the Second Advent,
the Millennial Kingdom,
then the Great White Throne Judgment.**

Then Revelation 21 takes place with the new heaven and new earth.

So, the **shame** suffered at the Judgment Seat of Christ will last but a very short while; the **shame** will be over by the end of the Judgment Seat of Christ and before the next event in heaven, that is, at the Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper on Earth.

Only One Life
'Twill soon be past
Only what's done for Christ
Will Last

LIVE EACH DAY
SO THAT YOU WILL NOT SUFFER SHAME
AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Let Praise Resound · His Grace Abounds

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Communion

Music by James Webb, Allen, Texas
chord arr. by Glenda Lanier, Lucas, Texas

Regulier C G7 C Gm6 F A7#5

Piano

We Stand be-fore the Ta-ble Of Thy Lov-ing Sac-ri-
Oh Dear Lord as we re-mem-ber Your Pro-vi-sion free-ly

Dm7

Pno. 4

fice Our debt of
giv'n We can

G G7 G F G7

Pno. 5

sin de-mand-ed pay-ment Then You came and paid the
walk with-in-Your Pro-mise And now we've vict'ry o-ver

C

Pno. 8

Price Now as we
sin We Praise You

C G7 C Gm6 F A7#5

Pno. 9

break this bread to-ge-ther As-we see Your Sac-ri-
Lord for Migh-ty Vict'-ry Thank You Lord, Your Grace a-

Fm6(d)

Pno. 12

fice And we
bounds As Your

Fm Slow C **Regulier** Dm7 G7

Pno. 13

drink this cup to-ge-ther We know Your Love has paid the
Love pro-vides us Pow-er For ev-er let our Praise re

C

Pno. 16

Price Thank You
sound Thank You
F B(a) Em

Pno. 17

Lord You have pro-vi-ded Your Pro-vi-sion-is com-plete And by
Lord You have pro-vi-ded Your Pro-vi-sion is com-plete And by
F Dm Dm7 G7 G C

Pno. 21

Faith Your Grace ac-cep-ted At calv'-ry's Cross we are com-plete
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