

Will All the GOOD That You Do in Your Life
Be ACCEPTABLE
at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

Colossians 2:18d

- 1 All judgment has been given to JESUS CHRIST by God the Father.

John 5:22-23

22 **"For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,**

23 **so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

- 2 JESUS CHRIST bore the judgment of all sins on the cross. John 3:16 and 36.
- 3 He will judge all believers of the Church Age at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
- 4 He will judge in the Tribulation. Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15-21.
- 5 He will judge at the Second Advent where He will judge all unbelieving Jews and Gentiles. Matthew 24-25.
- 6 Judgment of all unbelievers at the Great White Throne of Judgement. John 5 and Revelation 20.

SCRIPTURES ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

9 **Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.**

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.**

The Greek word for 'judgment seat' is *bema* and refers to a raised platform, where a judge sat to administer judgements. These judgments could be for good, rewards, recognition of some kind, but, also, judgments for the bad that someone did.

This is very important to remember at the 'Judgment Seat of Christ' or the '**BEMA**'. Please understand that at the Judgment Seat of Christ no one is judged in regard to sins. The judgment of sins was taken care of at the cross. And remember that anything that is not of Faith is sin.

This helps in understanding what exactly happens at the Judgment Seat of Christ. No one is judged for sins. Even in respect of the '**bad**' that a believer commits in his life.

Remember, that the word '**bad**' refers to anything not acceptable to God, or those things done outside of the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

The believer is not given any negative judgment for '**human good**'. '**Human good**' refers to '**good**' acts done in the energy of the flesh, while '**divine good**' refers to acts done by a believer in the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Let us look at those acts of 'human good' committed by a believer at the Judgment Seat of Christ. He is not judged so as to receive condemnation for these acts, but the believer loses rewards.

The Judgment Seat of Christ offers no condemnation, only loss of rewards. While all that the believer did in the Filling of the Holy Spirit he will receive rewards.

Romans 14:10

10 **But you, why do you judge your brother?
Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt?
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.**

Romans 14:12

12 **So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.**
In refer to his being Filled with the Holy Spirit or not Filled with the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 2:18a

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

Colossians 3:23-24

23 **Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,**
Here our performance in the power of the Holy Spirit is referred to as **works**.

24 **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**
And the only thing acceptable to Him are those acts of service performed in the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

2 John 1:8

8 **Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 **Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.**

25 **Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.**

26 **Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;**

27 **but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.**

There are two words we want to be familiar with as we anticipate the Judgment Seat of Christ. First, we should desire to be **'qualified'** or **'approved'**. This is the Greek word ***DOKIMOS*** and means to be accepted. We must understand that no matter how **'good'** something may appear before man, it is acceptable before God, **only if done in the power of the Holy Spirit**. Otherwise, it is **'unacceptable'** ***ADOKIMOS*** **unapproved, worthless.**

This is where a lot of believers miss the point.

**It is not so much what we do,
but in what Power Source we do it.**

If in the flesh, no matter how much or good it may seem, it is worthless to JESUS CHRIST; and therefore unacceptable.

And as Paul says here in 1 Corinthians 9:27, if what he does is unacceptable, results in him being disqualified.

So, believers, our desire is that when we stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ that we be

- (1) qualified by the works we performed in the energy of the Holy Spirit,
- (2) not disqualified because what we did, was in the energy of the flesh.

Understanding the fact that we all must stand before JESUS CHRIST at the Judgment Seat of Christ serves as a motivation to do Live by Faith in the Holy Spirit, and it also should serve to motivate how we Live with One Another.

1 Corinthians 4:5

5 **Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.**

**YOU DECIDE,
Do You Prefer Praise from Man Now?
-or-
From JESUS CHRIST at the Bema?**

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 **Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

And this can only be done in the Power of the Holy Spirit. So, as you can see it is vital that we know how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit: **by Grace through Faith.**

Revelation 22:12

12 **"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.**

**Are you sure you are ready
for the coming of the Lord in the Rapture?**

1 Corinthians 3:10

10 **According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.**

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.**

We must know how to 'abide' in Him, by the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:5

5 **Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?
JESUS CHRIST is in us when we are Filled with the Holy Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 3:10

10 **According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.**

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

12 **Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**

13 **each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.**

14 **If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.**

15 **If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

The JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST serves as motivation to live the Spirit-Filled Life and confidence in this life looking forward to Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 **For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.**

7 **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;**

Paul Lived by Faith in the Holy Spirit; Walked by Faith.

8 **in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

Again, the only Love that is acceptable to God is Love that comes from His Spirit. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is Love—this is the only Love approved by God. Love from the flesh is unacceptable to JESUS CHRIST at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

James 1:12

12 **Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.**

Again, we must know how to be approved before God.

Revelation 2:10

10 **Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.**

Will what you do for God be acceptable to Him?

This is in the same understanding as
“is your **FAITH** the **FAITH** God is looking for?”

Are your **good works** the **good works** God is looking for?

Remember each day
that we must all
stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.