

Pattern for Rewards
At The JUDGMENT SEAT of CHRIST

THIS DAY IS COMING FOR EVERY ONE OF US!

2 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.**

Each one of us should desire to receive rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 9:24

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.**

TIME and PLACE of REWARDS

Understanding **Time** is as important as properly understanding ***rewards***.

Time of rewards – **not now** (*not in time, not in your lifetime*)

This is so important people!

Most Christians are so confused on rewards – blessings.

Most Christians are like Job's 3 friends:

If good things are happening to you in time, here on earth, it is because you are doing it right, you are pure and perfect righteousness (+R); and God is rewarding you... but if you are suffering, and bad things just keep happening to you – this is because you are not doing it right and are in sin...

All of this is **SATAN'S LIE!**

And this kind of teaching and thinking has caused many Christians to be hurt, to live in spiritual pain, and spiritual ruin!

Thinking that God was angry with them, when in truth He was not... as in case of Job!

Or it causes a great number of believers—especially, pastors to conclude that since they have large numbers—they are doing it right before God.

All of this is **SATAN'S LIE!**

Most Christians do a lot of judging by *sight*.

They see believers suffering and they start judging; believers suffering—as sinners, etc.—

When things happen to believers, they immediately have to know and understand what is going on!

Good things happen—blessing—reward for obeying.

Bad things happen—discipline! God's vindicating judgment.

SATAN'S LIE!

So, many Christians pay more attention to all the things happening in their lives — and as many Pastor-Teachers, who use logical thinking, these things are happening as a result of **decisions: good decisions, bad decisions**— and while this *logic fits human wisdom* — *it does not fit God's wisdom! The wisdom that is from above...*

**Time of Rewards is not now,
Place of rewards? not here on earth—**

Oh, some believers do receive what we call good things... These are just that... blessings, not rewards.

Time of rewards is not in our time, but later in God's planning...

Eschatology:

Greek word: **last or end + study**; study of last events.

Prophecy:

Divine revelation of future events.

Time and place of rewards

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The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 **But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep,** (term used of those who die before the Rapture—the body sleeps) **that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.** (grieve but not as the world).

14 **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God** (God the Father) **will bring with Him** (bring to the throne, with JESUS CHRIST) **those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.** (DIED)

15 **For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain** (on earth) **until the coming of the Lord,** (coming for His church, not to earth, JESUS CHRIST never touches earth during the Church Age) **...those who are alive shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.** (DIED)

16 **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.**
Voice call is for the resurrection of those who are alive, and the trumpet sound is for those who have died.

17 **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

18 **Therefore comfort one another with these words**

WHO:

Who will be raptured?

Church Age believers only. Every believer of the Church Age, regardless of sex, race, country, denomination, etc. (or even spiritual status... carnal or the spiritually mature) whether you like them or not; no such thing as partial rapture.

WHAT:

What is the Rapture?

The rapture is the resurrection or translation of all believers of the Church Age, from earth to heaven, ending the Church Age.

WHEN:

Imminent ...no prophecy to be fulfilled.

Once the rapture does occur then everything runs like clockwork. The immanency of the Rapture – should influence your daily life.

WHERE:

From this earth to third heaven.

WHY:

To resume with prophetic history.

The Body of Christ is completed; the BRIDE of Christ is completed, the Royal Family of God is completed.

It is now time to get on with history!

The previous dispensation was interrupted due to total failure of Israel to recognize and accept their Messiah-King...but for the termination of the Church, It Is a Matter of COMPLETION.

Next event:

Heavenly Worship

Romans 14:11-12; Philippians 2:9-11

Call this Heavenly Worship for this event involves the body:
that is the Resurrected Body, Soul and Spirit:
And every tongue proclaiming Praises to the Glorified Christ.

*Today most people in America do not know how to BOW,
we are too arrogant to bow.*

*We no longer even teach our children to bow or curtsy:
boys bow from the waste and girls curtsy,
But Not Anymore in America...*

*"we bow to no one" ...
we respect no one in this manner!*

***But you will indeed bow down one day,
you will bow down before the Lord your God,
when you meet Him in the air.***

***Every born-again believer of the Church Age will do this.
The Resurrected Body that we will receive at the Rapture
will be capable of bending at the knees.***

Next is the Judgment Seat of JESUS CHRIST!

Time and Place of our Study of Rewards:

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

Now let us talk about *Rewards!*

*Remember that the Bible is purposefully written where you can see **SATAN'S LIE** or you can see **God's Grace!** (Isaiah 28)*

The bible is purposefully written
where the **truth is revealed and/or concealed.**

And this is true of this passage!

You can read 2 Corinthians 5:10 and see **SATAN'S LIE**

—see do and do;

see obedience of performance,

doing!

Work hard at doing good acts...

or

You can see *Deeds of Faith*

—*good deeds*

—*Faith done by Holy Spirit and*

—bad deeds as anything done in the energy of the flesh.

And there are Bible Scholars who see it either of these ways.

Faith vs Works

Definition of Works:

It is so important—theologically—to define works.
It is so interesting how theologians change the definition of **WORKS** in Salvation and after Salvation.

At Salvation they would correctly define **WORKS** as anything other than Faith, anything added to Faith. What is interesting is that after Salvation, other things are no longer **WORKS**, like **confession, repentance, yielding**, etc.

Somehow while you cannot be saved by these because that would be Salvation by **WORKS** but after you are saved these are no longer works.

And oh, yes, it depends on your theology of what qualifies as **WORKS** after salvation, to some repentance is no longer a **WORKS**, to others confession is no longer **WORKS**. People we must understand that before God, anything added to Faith to gain something from God, is **WORKS**.

This brings up the age-old battle of '**GRACE** versus **WORKS** or '**Faith** versus **WORKS**.

When discussing rewards (or more specifically the Basis of Rewards) **the most important point to remember is the established PATTERN OF GRACE throughout the Plan of God.**

We have seen that the Gospel of our Eternal Salvation sets the pattern for everything else in God's Plan.

The Gospel is simple: **by Faith and Faith alone**

John 6:47

47 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.**

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;***

9 **not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

So, we must correctly understand the Gospel as demanding *nothing more than Faith Alone.*

To be saved we must possess God's Perfect Righteousness.

So, the question is, how do we get God's Righteousness?

IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO EARN IT?

Is there any **WORK** or **WORKS** that we must do to earn God's Righteousness?

We answer: **No!**

But wait... look at John 6:26-29

26 **Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.**

(They were moved by personal gratification.)

27 **"Do not work**

(Present Active Imperative of *ergazomai* from Greek *ergon*: to work, to labor)

for the food which perishes,

but (and here the Greek word for Work must be understood)

...but (*work*) for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, (by Grace) for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

28 **Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work (*ergazomai*) the works of God?" (*ergon*)**

29 **Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, (*ergon*) that you believe in Him whom He has sent."**

**Now people, this is Jesus Christ Himself speaking!
This confuses many people!**

But it is really very simple

We are saved by Faith alone!

But many like to claim that Faith is a work—so if that fits you, then you must realize that this is the

Only Work that is acceptable to God and that is Faith

Faith Pattern for Rewards at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

One of the great confusions in the church is how denominations and people break the Grace pattern of our Salvation. This is one reason why it is so important to be absolutely straight on the gospel. *(For Example, if you have a works gospel, that is where the unbeliever has to do anything other than simply Faith in JESUS CHRIST, you distort all other relationships with God.)*

If you say that man must do something to be saved, other than Faith... like...

‘invite Jesus into your heart’, or
‘ask God for forgiveness’, or
‘join a church’, or
‘make Jesus the Lord of your life’, or
‘give up sins’ or
‘turn from your sins’, or
‘feel sorry for your sins’, or
‘confess Jesus Christ publicly’, etc.,

...Then you have set the course for a Christian life of Works in energy of flesh.

But if you present a simple **Gospel of Faith Alone in Christ Alone**, then you have set the pattern into actions of **God's Plan of Grace**.

Then when it comes to how a believer restores the Faith in the Holy Spirit—*if you change from the pattern of Grace by Faith to some form of Works, where the believer in the power of sin has to do something to come out from the power of sin, into the power of the Holy Spirit...*

like, now he must confess, or repent, or yield, or feel sorry for sins...

then you have set the course for a Christian life of works in the energy of the flesh, where he must now 'DO' something other than simply Faith.

Then you have polluted the basis of rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST to Works of the Flesh.

Lewis Sperry Chafer does an excellent work on the pattern that characterizes how God operates in chapter Seven of his book, 'He that is Spiritual'. Chafer calls it an 'analogy', while we will refer to it as a **pattern** or **model**.

In chapter 7 Chafer writes: "**An Analogy**"

The Bible treats our deliverance from the bond-servitude to sin as a distinct form of Salvation, and there is an **analogy** between this and the more familiar aspect of Salvation which is from the guilt and penalty of sin."

In other words, he sees an **analogy** or **pattern** or **model** between how we are saved and how we recover from sin as believers and resume the Filling of the Holy Spirit. (I highly recommend careful and thoughtful reading of Chafers chapter seven.)

Eternal Life Salvation is by Faith Alone in the One whom God sent for that purpose... that is... His Son, Jesus Christ.

ETERNAL LIFE SALVATION SETS THE PATTERN FOR SPIRITUALITY.

Spirituality or Filling of the Holy Spirit is by Faith Alone in the One whom God has sent for that purpose—His Spirit, God the Holy Spirit.

Salvation and Spirituality set the pattern for rewards at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

Rewards at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST:

Faith in the Holy Spirit, allows the Holy Spirit to work through you and by His works you receive Rewards at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

God's plan is always on basis of **Grace!**

And **FAITH** is the only 'action', 'work', 'doing' of a person, that is compatible with **GRACE**.

One of the great causes of so much confusion is when people change God's program of Grace.

Such as: Saved by Grace through Faith but to be recover from sin and be Filled with the Holy Spirit, they change **Grace** into some works: Repentance, Confession, Yielding, etc.

Or they change the basis of rewards at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST to works in a believer's life.

They changed the Grace Pattern.

People,
God's plan of grace is consistent throughout every dispensation and accomplishment.

We are saved by Grace through Faith:
When a person believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior they are 'rewarded' 34 things from God, including Perfect Righteousness, Justification and Eternal Life.

We are Filled with the Holy Spirit by Grace through Faith.

When a believer walks by Faith in the Holy Spirit they are 'rewarded' with the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, and all the other ministries of the Holy Spirit.

We receive rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST by Grace through Faith. It is the Holy Spirit who does the 'works' – '**good works**' in us or through us in our lives and we are rewarded for allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us in our lives.

Grace is never earned!

Not at Salvation, Spirituality or at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

And before you protest that man must do something for God for Salvation or for Spirituality or definitely in His life,
let's remember that **'Faith is the Battle'**.

"Just trusting"

is the most difficult task for the unbeliever and for the believer.

It is much easier to **'do something in the flesh'** than to
Just Trust Him,
Trust His Son,
Trust His Spirit.

Remember, angels are watching and they are in effect asking God,
"is Faith Alone , Enough for You to Save Them?"

Is Faith Alone enough for you to empower them with the Holy Spirit?

And is Faith Alone enough to reward them with eternal rewards?

Be assured that Satan would delight if God saved on the basis of some works or brought a believer out from the power of sin into the power of the Holy Spirit based on some works or rewarded believers if they worked some works.

Satan hates the Grace of God!

IT IS AMAZING TO ME THAT
IN THE FEW BOOKS
THAT I HAVE FOUND THAT ARE OUT THERE
ON RECEIVING REWARDS
AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST,
NOT ONE EMPHASIZES THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND
ALL OF THEM EMPHASIZE THAT MAN MUST DO AND DO.

AND TWO OF THESE BOOKS
ARE BY STRONG EVANGELICAL WRITERS
WHO ARE STRAIGHT ON THE GOSPEL.
BUT NEITHER SPEAKS OF FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
OR
THE PART THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS
IN OUR RECEIVING REWARDS AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

But the Holy Spirit and the coming of the Holy Spirit and
the ministry of the Holy Spirit
was very important to JESUS CHRIST.

John 7:38-39

38 **He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'**" (As the water of JESUS CHRIST rewards in giving Eternal Life, the Living water of the Holy Spirit rewards in living works or good works in the believer.)

39 **But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

John 14:16

- 16 **"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;** (First is the importance of the Word) **another** (in the original, this is another of the same kind,) **another just like me** (only in the next verse JESUS CHRIST will call Him **Spirit**, the point is do not look for another one in the form of man, but this one will be Spirit.)

The Greek word translated *helper* is also translated *advocate, comforter, redeemer*. This is the Greek word *paracletos*.

This word comes from the root referring to "one who is called or sent for someone".

In our context both JESUS CHRIST and the Holy Spirit are sent by God the Father to unbelievers for Salvation and to believers for restoration and understanding and production. The Believer can do nothing that is acceptable to God outside of the ministry of the Holy Spirit and this includes works, that will be acceptable to God and to JESUS CHRIST at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

John 14:16-17

- 16 **"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, just like me—Deity, that He may be with you forever;**
- 17 **that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.**

You cannot speak of Salvation	without the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
You cannot speak of Spirituality	without the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
You cannot speak of Rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST	without the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Can one who is saved lose his/her salvation?

No !!!

They have been saved once and for all by Grace through Faith.

But, can one who is saved lose their spirituality?

Yes, simply by stopping living by —and—walking by Faith.

Can a born again, saved forever, Christian not gain any rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?

Yes! Simply by working or doing for the Lord in the energy of the flesh, which is unacceptable to God.

Do not think that JESUS CHRIST will reward anything done in the power or energy of the flesh.

We cannot be Saved by energy of the flesh.

We cannot be Filled by the Holy Spirit by energy of the flesh.

We cannot Receive Rewards for anything done in the energy of the flesh.

By Faith we receive JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

By Faith we receive the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

By Faith we Receive Rewards for the works of the Holy Spirit done in us and through us.

So, there is a **PATTERN** for **Receiving Rewards**
at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

But be sure that the beginning of this PATTERN is correct.
Be sure that you understand that we are Saved by Grace
through Faith, not as a result of works.

Then be sure that you understand that we are Filled with the
Holy Spirit by Grace through Faith – not as a result of works, like
repentance or confession.

Those who claim that you are Filled with the
Holy Spirit by confession or repentance claim
that these are no longer works, now that you
are a believer. But they cannot explain why
such things as confession and repentance are
works and not part of Salvation, but they are
not works for Spirituality by Grace.

Then we come to the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

Let us come at the question of what determines '**good**' and
'**bad**' at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST or what is the Basis of
Rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST from the standpoint
of our **Salvation**.

How did we receive the gifts?

The Rewards of imputed righteousness?

This was by Grace through Faith.

Therefore, if we understand,
that this must always be the basis of our
receiving from God,
then it stands to reason
that we will be rewarded on the basis of
Grace through Faith.