

The Judgment Seat Of Christ

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I. Introduction

- A. *All* must appear before judgment seat (Rom. 14:10–12)
- B. Nothing concealed (1 Cor. 5:9–11)
 - 1. Only *good* or *bad*
 - 2. Matthew 12:30
- C. Christians first (1 Pet. 4:17–18)
- D. Not judged for condemnation
 - 1. John 3:18
 - 2. John 5:24
 - 3. Romans 8:1
- E. *But* for assessment of service

II. Principles Of Judgment

- A. The Father judges (1 Peter 1:17)
- B. Judgment transferred to the Son (John 5:22–23, 26–27)
- C. Judgment transferred to the Word (John 12:47–48)
- D. *Therefore* we may judge ourselves (1 Cor. 11:31–32)
- E. Five scriptural references (Rom. 2:1–16)
 - 1. According to *truth* (v. 2)
 - 2. According to *deeds* (v. 6)
 - 3. Without respect of *persons* (v. 11)
 - 4. According to *light* (v. 12)
 - 5. Secrets revealed (v. 16) (Compare 1 Cor. 4:5)

III. Picture Of The Judge

- A. Revelation 1:13–16
 - 1. *Eyes*: flame of fire
 - 2. *Feet*: fine bronze, represents judgments
- B. Recording angel
 - 1. Pay what you have vowed (Ecc. 5:1–2, 4–6)
 - 2. Every idle word will be judged (Matt. 12:36–37)

IV. Judgment Carried Out

- A. What will stand the test of fire? (1 Cor. 3:11–15)
 - 1. Quantity vs. quality
 - 2. 1 Cor. 3:16–17
- B. The talents (Matt. 25:14–30)
 - 1. *Not* success, *but* faithfulness
 - 2. The person who only has one talent is in the most danger
- C. The minas/pounds (Luke 19:12–17)
Responsibility in eternity determined by faithfulness
- D. Two principles of conduct
 - 1. Do *all* to the *glory of God* (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - 2. Do *all* in the *name of Jesus*, giving *thanks* (Col. 3:17)
- E. If in doubt, *don't do it!*