

## **JUDGMENT FOR CHRISTIANS?**

I Corinthians 3:9-15

The essence of the Christian life is to consistently become more of what we should be and less of what we used to be. The result of this life will be revealed at the judgment seat of Christ (the BEMA Judgment seat - Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10). This IS NOT the same judgment as The Great White Throne described in Revelation 20:11-15 where unsaved humanity receives final judgment for a life of rejection of the grace of God. This scene pictures those who have built a life on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ and the reward or loss that follow their choices.

### **I. The Revelation of It**

#### **3 Areas will be revealed...**

##### **A. Our Motives**

I Cor. 4:4-5

“Counsels” (v.5)–Greek - “boule”– deliberate act of the will – secret motives. One of the most difficult tasks we face as we grow in the Lord is the refining of our motives. Why did we do it?

##### **B. Our Methods**

2 Timothy 2:3-5

“...except we strive lawfully” (v.5) – do it the right way. We are a generation today looking for some new and alluring marketing plan for the Kingdom of God. God’s approved method is “If my people...” (II Chronicles 7:14).

##### **C. Our Management**

I Cor. 3:13

“...of what sort it is” – not how much or how long. This is a wonderfully freeing truth that, when I stand before the Lord one day, I will not be judged based on others but on the revelation of what I accomplished with what I was given.

### **II. The Reward from It**

I Cor.3:14-15

The whole theme of our life as Christians is to love God with all our heart and love our neighbors as ourselves. What is the reason for all we’re doing? It is that, eventually, we will be able to lay it at the feet of Jesus - that HE may be glorified!