

“He Will Render to Each One According to His Works”

Romans 2:6-11

- There are two outcomes when it comes to eternity; *life or wrath and fury*. We as people can *store up treasure* in heaven (Matthew 6:20-21) or we can *store up wrath* in Hell (Romans 2:5). “Storing up” or the lack thereof has to do with obedience vs disobedience, God’s glory vs man’s glory, comfort vs discomfort, sin-killing vs sin-loving (Romans 2:6-11; Romans 8:12-13 & 17).
- The Judgment Seat of Christ: (1 Corinthians 3:10-17; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - *“Many Christians are like poor photographs, overexposed and underdeveloped. They’ve had plenty of input from the Word of God, but what difference has it made in their lives? Spiritual growth is a lifetime commitment to change. And yet, the human heart resists nothing as strongly as it resists change. We will do anything to avoid it.” (John MacArthur)*
 - The sins and shortcomings of every believer will be revealed in the judgment as forgiven sins (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 3:21-26; Micah 7:19). All of our failures and deficiencies will be burnt up. They will not condemn us and they will not reward us. But our obedience to God’s Word will definitely lead to being rewarded and these rewards will give glory to God.
 - We will suffer loss if we are harsh and critical. We will suffer loss if we hold grudges and have bitterness. We will suffer loss if we are impatient and judgmental of one another (Luke 6:37-38; Ephesians 4:29-31). We will suffer loss if we are conceited, selfish, self-exalting, and full of envy (Galatians 5:26; Philippians 2:3-4).
 - We will be rewarded if we grow in love toward God and one another. If we strive for joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. If we make every effort to grow in our faith, grow in biblical obedience, grow in our knowledge of God and His promises, and grow in our steadfastness and godliness (Galatians 5:22-24; 2 Peter 1:5-11).
 - We will be rewarded if we are zealous and faithful (Romans 12:11; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Philippians 2:12-13) and will suffer loss if we are slothful and lazy in our commitment to Him (Matthew 25:21-26; Luke 12:41-48). We will be rewarded for our urgency to serve Him (John 9:4; Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5) and will suffer loss if we are half-hearted (Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23-24).
 - We will be rewarded if we lived to please God above all else (2 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; Ephesians 5:8-10); we will be rewarded if we strived to put our sin to death and live for holiness (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Corinthians 7:1); we will be rewarded if we use our gifts to build-up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-16; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26); and we will be rewarded if we pressed on to Christian maturity with everything in us (Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Ephesians 4:12-16).
- The Great White Throne Judgment: (Revelation 20:11-15)
 - The holiness and righteousness of God demands that justice be brought against all sin (Colossians 3:6; Romans 12:19; John 3:36; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Every person who is outside of Christ will be judged by God’s perfect standard of righteousness (Matthew 5:48; James 2:10-11; Romans 3:21-26). They will be judged by Jesus Christ (John 5:22; Acts 10:42; Romans 2:16; Revelation 1:13-17) and there will be no injustice, no partiality, and no grace and mercy. Every secret of their hearts will be exposed and laid bare (Hebrews 4:13; Romans 2:8-9; Proverbs 15:3).
 - Every leader and person of significance in human history will stand before Christ. They will all bow their knee and be judged by the same standard as the person that seemed to have no impact on the world at all. Power or oppression will be of no benefit or assistance to you on that day. *(Continued →)*

Worship: Rock of Ages (The Modern Post) His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell)

Be Thou My Vision (Norton Hall Band) **Closing Song:** I Stand Amazed (Norton Hall Band)

Service Times: Sundays: 3:30pm/5:30pm; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: 7pm

- People who openly hated God, the Bible, His Bride, and all that is good will stand before Him in judgment. Their lack of belief and their hatred for Him does not get them out of this judgment.
- People who were good, moral, and ethical will stand before Christ in judgment. People who worshipped other gods in other religions will stand before Him condemned (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Acts 4:12). Christ is the only way of salvation; period.
- Nominal Christians will stand before Him condemned in judgment. People who professed the gospel but never possessed the gospel. People who would verbally affirm Christianity but were never transformed by Christ. People who were members of a church, grew up in church, were married in the church, but were never submitted to Christ. They loved Him as Savior but hated Him as Lord (Matthew 7:21-23).

“A heart motivated by works is seen in the satisfaction of conquering a challenge by the force of its own will and the stamina of its own body, or it can manifest itself in self-direction, self-reliance, and self-exaltation. A heart motivated by faith desires that God receives the glory for overcoming all obstacles. Faith longs for the joy of seeing God glorified for His capability, strength, wisdom and grace. Works longs for the joy of being glorified as capable, strong, and smart.” (John Piper)