# "The New Heaven and the New Earth: *The Judgment Seat of Christ*" (Part 2) 2 Timothy 4:6-8

"It is quite easy immediately after justification to be enthusiastic and devoted. But in sanctification we have to pay the price, we have to be disciplined, and we must practice self-denial. To build eternal reward we must remove distractions, worldliness, laziness, and even at times good things, to have the best things."

#### Eternal Reward:

- o 2 Timothy 4:6-8: *The Crown of Righteousness* 
  - "I have fought the good fight." (Spiritual Warfare)
  - "I have finished the race." (Was faithful in his living)
  - "I have kept the faith." (Was faithful in his teaching)
  - "Those who have loved His appearing."
    - Paul was living in a way that he was ready for the imminent return of Christ;
       "when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming." (1 John 2:28)

## o 1 Corinthians 9:24-27: The Imperishable Wreath

- "Run that you may obtain the prize."
- "Every athlete exercises self-control."
  - An athlete follows the rules of the competition, not his desires, emotions, or whims. He leads his body, his body doesn't lead him.
- "But I discipline my body."
  - The point of discipline is to operate at our highest potential. To have maximal usefulness.

James 1:12/Revelation 2:10/Matthew 5:11-12: The Crown of Life

- "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

  (Matthew 5:11-12)
- "Remains steadfast under trial." (Continued belief)
- "When he has stood the test." (There is purpose)
- "To those who love Him." (Continued faithfulness in practice)

## • 1 Peter 5:4: *The Crown of Glory*

- We are called to live to please the "Chief Shepherd" (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).
- Elders will have a stricter judgment (James 3:1). We will have to give an account for all those who are members of our local Church (Hebrews 13:17).
- The way that we live our lives will have a connection to our ruling and reigning with Christ (Luke 19:11-27; Matthew 25:14-30; Revelation 5:10).
- There will be no desire for personal glory when we are in Jesus's presence (Revelation 4:10).

#### **Announcements:**

- ★ <u>DONATIONS</u>: Throughout the month of June we are collecting monetary donations for a family within our own church body, to help with medical costs and time off of work. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the June donations. *THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection.*
- ★<u>CARE PACKAGE</u>: We are putting together a care package to send to David and Tiffany Lamb and their children. The Lambs are a missionary family that we, as a church, financially support as they live and serve in Papua New Guinea, translating the Bible into the many languages of the people in that country. Please consider providing one of the items listed below for the care package:
- notes of encouragement
- candies (any sweets at all)
- snacks (pecans, seasoning packets, teas, pepperoni)
- •art supplies (pencils, pens, markers think homeschool materials)
- children's activity books
- get creative

There is a tote at the back of the sanctuary to collect these items!

- ★ MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for THIS Saturday, June 22nd, at 7am, at Kevin Gordon's house (448 Courtney Drive). Mark your calendars and plan to attend this great time of food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ. Please RSVP to Zach Adams (740)618-0739.
- ★MEMBERS' MEETING: We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, June 30th, immediately following the worship service. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes and is for the purpose of proposing By-Law additions for the process of electing Elders, informing the Members of the Job Descriptions and Expectations for all paid staff, and an update on continuing our support of Heartbeats.
- ★"4th of July" COOKOUT: Mark your calendars, we are having our annual "4th of July" Cookout on Sunday, July 7th, starting at 5pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and bring your favorite yard/outdoor game to play! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the cookout!
- ★PAINTBALL OUTING: We are putting together a Paintball Outing, tentatively on Saturday, July 13th. The cost is \$39 per person for 3 hours, if we have a minimum of 20 people interested. Please let Zach Gavi know if you are interested in participating, so we can move forward in planning this event! (740)644-6314
- ★<u>VOLUNTEERS:</u> We are looking for a couple of willing and eager volunteers to join the Cleaning Ministry. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have any questions, please see Krystal.