

PURSUE YOUR REWARD UNTIL I COME – PART A

Series: HEARING THE MASTER'S VOICE

¹³ There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone's work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished. **1 Corinthians 3:13 (TLB)**

Central Idea: *Biblical Christians are rewarded for Edification: being builders of Christ's church.*

1. BELIEVERS ARE TO PURSUE BIBLICAL _____

¹² "Look! I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to repay each person according to what he has done. **Revelation 22:12 (HCSB)**

⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— **1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)**

²⁹ And Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything—home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property—for love of me and to tell others the Good News, ³⁰ who won't be given back, a hundred times over, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—with persecutions! "All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life. **Mark 10:29-30 (TLB)**

2. BELIEVERS ARE TO ANTICIPATE TWO _____

¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: "*As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.*" ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. **Romans 14:10-12 (NKJV)**

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

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

¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. **2 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NKJV)**

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **Revelation 20:11-12 (NKJV)**

3. WHAT IS _____ AT THE JUDGMENT (BEMA) SEAT OF CHRIST?

¹¹ And no one can ever lay any other real foundation than that one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹² But there are various kinds of materials that can be used to build on that foundation. Some use gold and silver and jewels; and some build with sticks and hay or even straw! ¹³ There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone's work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished. **1 Corinthians 3:11-13 (TLB)**

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "*Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth*"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. **1 Peter 2:21-24 (NKJV)**

¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **Colossians 2:13-14 (NKJV)**

¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **Romans 8:1 (NKJV)**

- ✓ _____ is about justification
- ✓ Rewards are about things we do as _____ people
- ✓ _____ are done as a justified person, not to become justified

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)**

¹⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹ I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last *are* more than the first.

Revelation 2:18-19 (NKJV)