

## **“Are You A Fire Proof Christian?”**

**Text: I Corinthians 3:10-15**

### **Introduction:**

- **Subject of the Passage** – The Judgment Seat of Christ
  - All Christians will stand before
  - Without exception
  - No unsaved will be there
  
- **Romans 14:10** – “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”
  
- **Where Judgment Takes Place** – In the air after rapture of the church.
  
- **What is being judged** – Not salvation
  - The believer is being judged for his works after he is saved.
  - **1 Cor 3:13** tells us – “Every man's work shall be made manifest...”
  - **2 Cor 5:10** tells us – “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
  
- After a person is saved then good works should follow as evidence of their salvation.
- The Lord does not just save us and then take us to heaven.
- We are saved to do good works that will glorify our Heavenly Father.
  
- **Scriptures**
  - We are all very familiar with **Ephesians 2:8-9**, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
  - However, let us notice what the Bible says in **Ephesians 2:10** – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”
  - **Titus 2:14** – “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous **of good works**.”
    - One of the reasons the Lord gave Himself for us was so we would be zealous of good works.
  - **John 9:4** – Jesus said, “I **must work the works** of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

- **Result of Judgment**
  - Rewards or loss of rewards
  - Rewards in the Bible described as crowns
  - Crown are to be thrown at the feet of Jesus
  - Loss of reward or crown will bring shame
    - Because will not have crown to throw at the feet of Jesus.
  
- **Our works will be tried by fire**
  - **1 Cor 3:13** – “...the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.”
  - Those works that remain there will be a reward.
    - **1 Cor. 3:14** – “If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.”
  - Those works that do not remain will suffer lose of reward.
    - **1 Cor. 3:15** – “If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”
      - **Notice** – Will lose reward but still saved.
  
- **Classification of Works**
  - Two Classes of building materials
  - To build upon our spiritual foundation – The Lord Jesus Christ.
    - **1 Cor. 3:11** – “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
  - Why this judgment for believers only.
    - The foundation of every believer is the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - The Lord Jesus Christ referred to in the scriptures as –
    - “Chief Corner Stone”
    - “The Rock”
  
- **Two Classes of Building Materials**
  - **1 Cor 3:12** – “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;”
  - **Fireproof** – gold, silver, precious stones.
  - **Combustible** – wood, hay, stubble
  
- **The Key**
  - Whether or not you are building with fireproof or combustible materials.
  - **1 Cor. 3:13** – “...the fire shall try every man's work of what **sort** it is.”
  - **Sort or Motive**
    - **Correct** - **2 Cor. 5:14** – “For the love of Christ **constraineth** us; ...”
      - Christ’s love should be the only motive to compel a Christian to do something. – **fireproof**

- **Wrong** – Self-glory
      - **1Cor. 3:21** – “Therefore let no man glory in men...”
- **Conclusion**
  - We need to ask ourselves what is our motivation.
  - Or what compels us to do something
  - Is it to bring glory to ourselves and be notice by others.
    - If that is the motivation as good as an act may seem it is going to go up in flames at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
    - Loss of reward – loss of a crown
  - Or is it the love of Christ that compels us do something.
  - So that Christ gets glorified and notices.
    - Then it is fireproof and will earn to a reward and a crown to throw at the feet of Jesus.
  - **Again** - You need to ask yourself
    - **Are You A Fireproof Christian?**
    - Will your works remain or will they be burnt up at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
  - My friend if you have never received Jesus Christ as your personal.
  - Believing that it is His shed blood and nothing else that pays for your sins and saves you from going to hell.
  - Then Bible describes the judgment that you will stand at some day
  - **Please turn to Revelation 20:11-15**
  - **Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire is your eternal destiny.**
  - **Won't you trust Christ and be saved today?**