

# The Judgment Seat of Christ: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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## Key Truth:

The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a Place of difficult but joyful Testing for the Believer in Jesus Christ.

The Judgment Seat of Christ may seem like a mystery to some, but the Bible teaches us about that place and what will happen there. If we prepare ourselves in this life to stand before Jesus on that last Day, we will be able to live with confidence knowing that, even though we will go through fiery testing, we will be rewarded, saved, and safe at home with Jesus.

## DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 3:11-15** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on standing before the **Judgment Seat of Christ**.

## DIG IN

1. Historical and Scriptural Evidence for the Judgment Seat:

**Read Acts 18:12-13:** The Apostle Paul stood before Gallio, the proconsul in Corinth. He stood on a lower paved area while the proconsul sat above him on a platform. This platform is called a *bema* (pronounced, “bay-ma”), and it is described in the Bible as a “tribunal” or “judgment seat.”

**Read John 19:13:** Jesus also stood before Pilate’s judgment seat (*bema*). In what ways might these examples be either similar to or different from the Judgment Seat we will stand before at the last Day?

2. Jesus Christ will Preside as Judge at the Judgment Seat.

In John 5:21-27, Jesus states that the Father has given him the authority to judge all things. In what ways is this a comfort to you? In what ways does this make you cringe?

3. Only True Believers will appear at the Judgment Seat.

Describe the kinds of deeds and motives (see 1 Corinthians 4:5) for which believers will be judged at the Judgment Seat.

How is this different than being judged for our sins?

4. The Great White Throne is NOT the Judgement Seat of Christ.

**Read Revelation 20:11-15:** Briefly list some differences between the Great White Throne and the Judgment Seat. What is the biggest difference?

5. Rewards will be granted at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

In the sermon we listed three types of rewards given at the Judgment Seat: Inheritance, Glory, and Ruling Authority (in Christ’s kingdom). Which one of these are you most looking forward to? Why?

## DO

What are some specific things you can do right now to prepare for the Judgment Seat of Christ? Share those with the group.