

A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN

Answering 10 Questions About Your Eternal Home

WILL HEAVEN BE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE? Revelation 22:12

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INTRODUCTION: Many people believe heaven will be a divine commune where everyone shares the same experience. But as we will discover today, the kind of heaven we experience in the next life will be determined by how we live as Christians in this life.

I. The Judgment Of All Christians (2 Corinthians 5:10)

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

A. The Picture of the Christian’s Judgment (Acts 18:12-16)

Acts 18:12-16 “¹²But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, ¹³saying, ‘This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.’ ¹⁴But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, ‘If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable to me to put up with you; ¹⁵but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.’ ¹⁶And he drove them away from the judgment seat.”

B. The Difference Between the Christian’s Judgment and the Non-Christian’s Judgment (Romans 8:10)

The Judgment Seat of Christ is for the **commendation** of believers, while the Great White Throne Judgment is for the **condemnation** of unbelievers.

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:9 “Therefore, also we have as our ambition, whether at home [in the body] or absent [from the body], to be pleasing to Him.”

C. The Time of the Christian’s Judgment (Revelation 19:8)

Revelation 19:8 “And it was given to her [the Bride of Christ] to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

II. The Importance Of Good Works In The Christian’s Life

A. The Value of Works Prior to Our Salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”

B. The Value of Our Works After Our Salvation (Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

While our works are worthless in **securing** us a place in heaven, they are integral in determining our **experience** in heaven.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 “⁹Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Luke 8:17 “For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. “