

# The Judgment Seat of Christ (JSoC)

Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10

## INTRODUCTION

- A. By taking Heb. 9:27 out of context, most people believe there is only going to be **one general judgment** at the end of time when everyone will be resurrected and judged by God to determine who goes to Heaven and who goes to Hell, and this determination will be based on how each individual person has lived his/her life. (That is wrong! → Bad Doctrine!)
- B. Each member of the Body of Christ will give account of his own **WORK** (singular) and needs to be prepared for the JSoC. - 1 Cor. 3:11-15; 1 Thess. 2:13
- C. 1 Cor. 3:12 - Context → How a believer builds on his/her foundation in Christ (this deals with a believer's walk, service, stewardship):
- **Gold** - Represents Deity. All the furniture in the tabernacle was overlaid with gold. - 1 Kings 6 Gold represent the highest glory of God in heaven. SoS 5:9-16; Rev. 21:10-27 A believer lays up gold in heaven every time he/she worships, praises, honours, & glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - **Silver** - Silver represents the **price of redemption** which Jesus Christ paid for at Calvary. - Matt. 26:15-16, 27:9 cf. Zech. 11:12-13 cf. 2 Pet. 1:21 Every time you tell a person how to be saved, you lay up silver in heaven, (regardless of how they respond to the gospel). - Dan. 12:3; Prov. 11:30-31
  - **Precious Stones** - Saved people are likened to precious stones or jewels. - Prov. 31:10; Mal. 3:17-18; 1 Pet. 2:5 The people that you have led to Christ are likened to precious stones in a crown, hence the old time hymns: "**Will There Be Any Stars**" and "**Must I Go And Empty-Handed**" - Zech. 9:16
  - **Wood, Hay, Stubble** - All three of these are combustible materials and represent a believer's walk, service, and stewardship that is done with selfish or improper motives or is otherwise unacceptable to the Lord. Many believers' work is going to burn up and be consumed by the fire of the Lord's judgment.
- D. This accountability is to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Supreme Judge for every judgment in the Bible. - John 5:22, 26-27; 1 Tim. 2:5
- E. The JSoC is the accountability for the believer's quality of his/her Christian ministry, service, and stewardship, not a **positional accounting** for his sin. - Isa. 6:7; Heb. 1:3; 1 Cor. 4:1-2
- F. All believers' sins are completely forgiven and taken away (purged) at the cross of Calvary; all believers (those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour) are **positionally** saved. - Col. 2:13; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 5:8
- G. Every person who has ever lived will be required to be at one of God's judgments, and will be judged perfectly by Jesus Christ. - Gen. 18:25

## FOUR FUTURE DIFFERENT JUDGMENTS ON MANKIND

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|                               | <b>Judgment<br/>Seat of Christ</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Judgment of<br/>OT and<br/>Kingdom<br/>Saints</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Judgment of<br/>Nations</b>                                                                                   | <b>Great<br/>White<br/>Throne<br/>Judgment</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>General<br/>References</b> | 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor.<br>5:1-10; 1 Thess.<br>2:19; 2 Tim. 4:1-8                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rev. 11: 15-18;<br>Ezek. 36:16-28                                                                                                                                                                                               | Matt. 25:31-46;<br>Num. 23:9                                                                                     | Rev. 20:11-15                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Time</b>                   | Rapture - Before<br>Trib.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent - After<br>Tribulation                                                                                                                                                                                   | Beginning of<br>Millennial reign<br>of Christ                                                                    | After<br>Millennial<br>reign of<br>Christ                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Place</b>                  | In 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Heaven (not on<br>earth)                                                                                                                                                                                                              | On the earth, in<br>the Promised<br>Land                                                                                                                                                                                        | On earth,<br>valley of<br>Jehoshaphat -<br>Joel 3:2                                                              | "no place"-<br>v.11; 2 Pet.<br>3:10-12                                                                                                                               |
| <b>People</b>                 | Body of Christ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Israel & all saints<br>who lived before<br>the Law                                                                                                                                                                              | All <b>nations</b> ,<br>likely<br>represented by<br>rulers                                                       | Lost of all<br>ages - John<br>5:28-29                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Purpose</b>                | Work - <b>Motive</b><br>and <b>quality</b><br>("sort") of<br>Christian<br>ministry, service,<br>& stewardship -<br>1Cor. 3:11-15                                                                                                                                               | Judged for their<br>works. - Matt.<br>16:27-28; 25:14-30                                                                                                                                                                        | Judged for their<br>works,<br>specifically<br>how they<br>treated<br>believing Jews<br>during the<br>Tribulation | Judged for<br>their works<br>and sins -<br>Rev. 21:8                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Basis</b>                  | Faithfulness to<br>Pauline doctrines<br>for Age of Grace.<br>- 1 Cor. 4:1-2                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Faithfulness to<br>God and obeying<br>His word.                                                                                                                                                                                 | Abrahamic<br>Covenant -<br>Gen. 12:3;<br>Num. 24:9                                                               | Books - Book<br>of Life,<br>Works, KJB -<br>Matt. 12:36-<br>37 (words)                                                                                               |
| <b>Results</b>                | The unfaithful will<br>be <b>rebuked</b> and<br>suffer <b>eternal</b> loss<br>of reward (not<br>salvation); the<br>faithful will be<br><b>rewarded</b> and<br><b>reign</b> with Christ<br>in God's<br><b>heavenly<br/>kingdom</b> . - Col.<br>3:23-24, 2 Tim.<br>2:12, 4:8, 18 | The unfaithful will<br>be cast into outer<br>darkness (hell);<br>the faithful will<br>receive rewards<br>in their reign with<br>Christ in God's<br><b>earthly<br/>kingdom</b> . - Rev.<br>20:4-6, 5:10<br>(fulfills Ex. 19:5-6) | Blessing in the<br>Millennial<br>Kingdom or<br>cursing in<br>everlasting fire.                                   | All the lost<br>will be cast<br>into the<br>eternal Lake<br>of Fire. - Rev.<br>20:10<br>(Nobody<br>annihilated!)<br>God is<br>forever and<br>ever. - Rev.<br>20:9-10 |