AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS A study of First Corinthians

JUDGMENT DAY FOR THE CHILD OF GOD

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

What happens at the judgment seat of Christ?

- 1. Every Christian will appear before Jesus.
 - A. The only <u>foundation</u> is Jesus.

For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

B. The only people at this judgment are Christians.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. Psalm 1:5

- 2. Every Christian will be tested by Jesus.
 - A. Jesus will test your works, not your faith.
 - B. Jesus will check for quality, not quantity.
 - 1. He will look at your <u>motives</u>.

... wait until the Lord comes who will bring both to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. 1 Corinthians 4:5

2. He will look at your <u>focus</u>: <u>temporal</u> or <u>eternal</u>.

3. He will look at your service.

3. Every Christian will be graded by Jesus.

A. Jesus wants to reward you.

If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 1 Corinthians 3:14

B. Jesus will do what is right.

Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. Revelation 22:12

REMEMBER: It pays to serve Jesus!
