

THE END TIMES: *the* RESULTS

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In the past, God dealt with us as sinners.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. ¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

In the present, God deals with us as children.

1 John 3:1, 2 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. ² Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

In the future, God will deal with us as stewards.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

The Judgment Seat

1 Corinthians 3:10-13 Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹² Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

THE TEST: How Have You . . .

... ***Treated other believers?*** Hebrews 6:10; Matthew 10:41-42

... ***Exercised your authority over others?*** Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1

... ***Used your God-given abilities?*** 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10

... ***Managed your money?*** 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7; 1 Cor. 16:2

... ***Suffered for Jesus?*** Matt. 5:11-12; 1 Peter 4:12-13; Mark 10:29-30

... ***Spent your time?*** Ephesians 5:16; 1 Peter 1:17; Psalm 90:12

... ***Ran the race which God has chosen for you?*** 1 Cor. 9:24; Phil. 3:13-14

... ***Controlled your old nature?*** 1 Cor. 9:25-27

... ***Witnessed for Christ?*** 1 Thes. 2:19-20; Daniel 12:3

... ***Reacted to temptation?*** James 1:2-3; Revelation 2:10

... ***Anticipated the return of Christ?*** 2 Timothy 4:8

the RESULTS: SOME WILL RECEIVE REWARDS

1 Corinthians 3:14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

“The 5 Crowns”

1. Eternal Crown

given to those who master the old nature. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

2. Crown of Rejoicing

given to soul winners. Proverbs 11:30; Dan 12:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

3. Crown of Life

given to those who successfully endure temptation. James 1:2, 3; Rev. 2:10

4. Crown of Righteousness

given to those who especially love the teaching of the rapture. 2 Timothy 4:8

5. Crown of Glory

given to faithful pastors/teachers. Acts 20:26-28; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; 1 Peter 5:2-4

the RESULTS: SOME WILL SUFFER LOSS

1 Corinthians 3:15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.