

THE BELIEVER'S FINAL INSPECTION

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

I. How To Prepare For Life's Final Inspection (10-15)

A. Are We Living Our Life As God Designed It? (10a)

^{10a} According to the **grace** of God given to me, like a **skilled master builder** I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it.

B. Are We Faithful Stewards Of God's Building Assignment? (10b)

^{10b} Let each one **take care** how he builds upon it.

C. Did We Build Our Lives Upon The Foundation Of Christ Or Self? (11)

¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

D. Did We Pursue Eternal Values Or Temporal Values? (12)

¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw

E. Did We Build Knowing There's A Final Inspection? (13-15)

¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

II. What To Expect When Inspected

A. Who? Believers

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

B. When? Between the Rapture and Second Coming (2 Tim 4:1; Mt 16:27; Lk 14:14; 1 Thess 4:16-17; Rev 19:8)

C. Where? In Heaven

D. Why? To Reveal If Our Hidden Motives Are For God's Glory Or Self-Serving Reasons (1 Cor 4:5)

E. How? Determining Works To Be Of Eternal Or Temporal Value

F. What? God Will Reward With Responsibilities, Praise And Crowns

- The Reward Of Greater Responsibilities In The Kingdom (Mt 25:19-23; Lk 19:16-19)
- The Reward Of Joy And Fellowship (Mt 25:21,23; 1 Pet 4:12-13)
- The Reward Of God's Commendation (Mt 25:21)
- The Reward Of Heavenly Crowns: The Imperishable Crown (1 Cor 9:25), The Crown Of Righteousness (2 Tim 4:7-8), The Crown Of Rejoicing (1 Thess 2:19-20); The Crown Of Glory (1 Pet 5:4); The Crown Of Life (James 1:12)

Conclusion:

1. Purpose Your Life According To God's Blueprint
2. Take Responsibility For How You Live Your Life
3. Make Christ The Basis Of All You Do
4. Value Eternal Things Over Temporal
5. Be Prepared To Present Our Life For Final Inspection

God's Future Judgments						
What	Who	When	Where	Basis	Results	Scripture
Judgement Seat of Christ	Church Believers	After the rapture	Heaven	Faithful and obedience to Jesus	Reward or loss of reward	1 Cor 3:11-15; 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10
Judgment of OT Saints	OT Believers	After Jesus' Second Coming	Earth	Faithfulness to the true God	Rewards	Dan 12:2-3; Mt 16:27
Judgment of Tribulation Saints	Tribulation Believers	After Jesus' Second Coming	Earth	Faithfulness	Authority in the Kingdom	Rev 20:4-6; Mt 25:31-46; Ps 9:19
Judgment of Israel	Jews who survive the Tribulation	After Jesus' Second Coming	Earth	Faith in Jesus	Believers enter the Kingdom	Rom 11:26; Ezek 20:35-38; Mt 24-25
Judgment of Nations	Gentiles who survive the Tribulation	At Jesus' Second Coming	Earth	Faithfulness to Jesus and Treatment of Israel	Believers separated from unbelievers	Mt 25:31-32,41-46; Joel 3:1-3
Judgment of Beast/Prophet	Antichrist and the false prophet	After Jesus' Second Coming	Earth	Rebellion against God and his Son	Cast into lake of fire	Rev 19:20
Judgment of Satan and demons	Satan and fallen angels	After Millennial Reign of Christ	God's Throne	Rebellion against God	Sent to the lake of fire	Rev 20:10; Jude 6-7; 2 Pet 2:4
Great White Throne Judgment	Unbelieving people from all ages	After Millennial Reign of Christ	God's Throne	Rejection of God's grace	Separated from God forever	Rev 20:11-15

