

# Judgment and Rewards

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## All People Will Stand Before Christ & Give an Account

There will be two judgments. One for salvation and one for deeds.

When is a Christian judged for their salvation, their eternal destiny?

- When they repent and ask Jesus for forgiveness.

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*  
- Romans 8:1

When is a non-believer judged for their eternal destiny?

- When they die.

*“...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”*- Hebrews 9:27

The “works/deeds” of Christians will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

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- 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

What things are the “gold, silver and precious stones”, the things that will withstand the fire. The things we will be rewarded for.

1. Our testimony to Jesus Christ - Philippians 2:15,16
2. Our suffering for Jesus Christ - 1 Peter 4:13
3. Our faithfulness to Jesus Christ - Luke 12:42-43
4. Our service for Jesus Christ - 1 Corinthians 3:8
5. Our generosity to Jesus Christ - 2 Corinthians 9:6
6. Our use of time for Jesus Christ - Ephesians 5:15
7. Our exercise of spiritual gifts for Jesus Christ - 1 Peter 4:10

8. Our self-discipline for Jesus Christ - 1 Corinthians 9:24,25
9. Our winning of souls for Jesus Christ - 1 Thessalonians 2:19

There are lots of awards for believers. Some are called “crowns”.

1. The Incorruptible Crown – for discipline and self-control  
*“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”*  
- 1 Corinthians 9:24,25
2. The Crown of Life – for joy in enduring temptation  
*“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”*  
- Revelation 2:10
3. The Crown of Rejoicing – rejoicing that others have found Jesus  
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4. The Crown of Glory – for watching over and caring for people  
*“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”*  
- 1 Peter 5:2-4
5. The Crown of Righteousness – righteously longing for Jesus  
*“Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.”*  
- 2 Timothy 4:8

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