



“Heavenly Rewards”

Communion Service

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INTRODUCTION:

“How does the idea of receiving rewards for what we do relate to salvation without works?” Heavenly Rewards - Mark Hitchcock

1. The _____ of salvation and the _____ of discipleship.

1) Our salvation is by grace without works.

- Our salvation is clearly defined as... by grace through faith in Christ alone not works
- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. [Eph 2:8-10 NASB95] -

✳ It is by grace through faith unto good works

2) We are created in Christ for _____.

- 17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "**Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?**" 18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one [is] good but One, [that is], God. 19 "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " 20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. [Mar 10:17-22 NKJV]

✳ The law closes the mouth of the _____ - _____.

- 19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law [comes] the knowledge of sin. [Rom 3:19-20 NASB95]

✳ Our first love is _____ and His _____.

- 4 'But I have [this] against you, that you have left your first love. [Rev 2:4 NASB95]
- 35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him [a question,] testing Him, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." [Mat 22:35-40 NASB95]

3) Faith is the victory that _____ the world.

- 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [1Jo 5:4-5 NASB95]

✳ Salvation — Faith = salvation + works. — _____ — Faith + works = salvation

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✳ Discipleship — Faith = lose your life + take up your cross + die to self = _____

- 10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 2:10 NASB95]

2. The two judgments.

28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, 29 and will come forth; those who did the good [deeds] to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil [deeds] to a resurrection of judgment. [Jhn 5:28-29]

1) The White Throne — resurrected to _____.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one [of them] according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. [Rev 20:11-15 NASB95]

2) The Bema Seat of Christ — resurrected to _____

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight-- 8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. 10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. [2Co 5:6-10 NASB95]

1 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. 3 But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by [any] human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. 5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, [but wait] until the Lord comes who will both bring 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**. [1Co 4:1-5 NASB95]

3) The _____ of discipleship

10 For **God is not unjust so as to forget your work** and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. [Heb 6:10 NASB95]

11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is [to be] revealed with fire, and **the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work**. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you? [1Co 3:11-16]

Conclusion

9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to **be pleasing to Him**. [2Co 5:9]

9 "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars." [2Ch 16:9 NASB95]

We also need to remember we don't desire the rewards for the reward itself, but because rewards are an expression that the way we lived is pleasing to the Lord. We ultimately desire rewards because they're a reflection of Christ's approval of us