

Trinity Bible Church

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1 Cor 15:58**

Announcements:

**Wednesday Aug 12 Church History & The Seven Churches of Revelation
Fellowship Dinner at Cheddar's in Yukon @ 11:00 a.m.**
Sunday Aug 30 Deacons' Meeting
Sunday Sep 06 The Lord's Table
Sunday Sep 20 Anniversary and Pastor's Appreciation luncheon.

- ** This coming Wednesday will begin a look at the Seven Churches of Revelation and how they have been realized in Church History.**
- ** Anyone who wishes to be part of any committee, please see Kelvin. Follow the Lord's leading.**
- ** Please let Pam Farley know if you are able to attend the Wednesday luncheon. 405-618-2279**
- ** Men's Fellowship Breakfasts are meeting at Olde Orchard, Saturday @ 0730. If for some reason they close, we will go to Granny's Kitchen in Yukon. Please look for an email for your response.**

	July	Total 2026	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2026
Income	\$5,285.00	\$53,727.54		\$ 16,005.66	\$ 5,587.00
Expenses	(8,351.01)	(57,247.92)		Missions Balance	(5,702.41)
Balance	(\$3,067.01)	(3,520.38)	\$37,540.08	\$ 3,997.91	\$ (210.41)

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The Sacrifice of Praise

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The Believer's Rewards

BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE

Text: 1 Cor. 15:58

By: Billy Morgan

Introduction to the Text

The 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians talks about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul explains that we as believers will be resurrected at the Rapture of the church (1 Cor. 15:50-57). This will be our glorification!

1 Cor. 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

THREE POINTS ON BEING STEADFAST & IMMOVABLE

1) The Reason to Be Steadfast & Immovable -- the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the basis for our future resurrection.

- a. Going back to the first word used in our verse (1 Cor. 15:58- therefore), it is a transition word between verse 58 and the previous verses in verses 50-57 and verses previous. We are reminded of the gospel found in 1 Cor. 15:1-4 and the resurrection of Christ who is the “first fruits” of the resurrection. His resurrection is the basis for our resurrection. Then we get to verse 50-57, Paul talks about the believer’s receiving of his imperishable body. We are reminded that God “gives us the victory” through Jesus Christ!
- b. The reason to be steadfast and immovable based on the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ is common in other texts as well:
Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;
2 Peter 3:10-14 ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,
- c. The imminent return of Christ motivates us as Christians to be steadfast and immovable in our spiritual growth and walk with the Lord. We might see our Lord at any moment!

2) The Method to Being Steadfast & Immovable -- Our standing firm on the truth of the Word of God and His finished work and grace.

- a. It is so important for believers to be sound in their theology and teaching- this is the method to being steadfast & immovable. We must be solid on the foundation- the person and work of Christ. The immediate context talks about His work of the gospel, particularly the resurrection.
- b. Other texts that give us exhortation and reminders of being steadfast in the teachings of the Word of God:
1 Tim. 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this

you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Eph. 4:14-15 ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,

Acts 20:27-31 ²⁷ "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock ³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

3) The Application of Being Steadfast & Immovable -- Abounding in the Work of the Lord

- a. We are to take the theology and the teaching that we have gained through our spiritual growth and apply it in our everyday lives.
- b. Abounding in the Work of the Lord through our toil or labor refers to living out our lives in a biblical manner in everyday life situations: in our jobs, in our families, in our marriages, in our city, and of course in our church life.
- c. Col. 3:16-17 ¹⁶ *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*
- d. We must remember that we need to be obedient (right application) and serve the Lord in the right manner (biblical motive) - doing the RIGHT thing the RIGHT way. This is obeying God from being motivated by God's grace and love and not being motivated by merit or unbiblical fear. How do we know God's will? We must know His Word.

CONCLUSION

Based on the previous passage of 1 Cor. 15:50-57 of our future glorification, we understand why we need to be steadfast, immovable, and abounding in the work of the Lord.

We as Christians should be steadfast (or firm). This refers to our being grounded in the Word of God in Biblical truths. Without a proper understanding of the Word of God, we cannot be steadfast, firm, or immovable. Many believers today are not steadfast, and they are tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14). The application of being steadfast & immovable is to abound in the work of the Lord, meaning living out our spiritual lives in everyday life situations.

The Believer's Rewards
Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
By: Billy Morgan

As people make goals and objectives for our lives, we should consider the ultimate goal of living a life pleasing to the Lord and in doing so “laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:19-20). It is very important that as believers we live with a correct purpose living for eternity and not just focused on temporal/temporary things.

In our study today, we will discuss the concept of the believer’s rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. *1 Corinthians 3:10-15- According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. 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 upon 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 upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.*

Points on The Believer’s Rewards

1) The Difference Between Salvation vs. Rewards

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SALVATION	REWARDS
Salvation Is A Gift Of God’s Grace (Eph 2:8-9)	Rewards Are Earned By Works (Rev 22:12) <i>*These works are accomplished under the operation of grace</i>
Salvation Is Given In The Present (John 5:24)	Rewards Are Given In The Future (1 Thess 2:19)
Salvation Came With Christ’s First Coming (1 Tim 1:15)	Rewards Come With Christ’s Second Coming
Salvation Is From Sin (Matt 1:21)	Rewards Are For Service (Eph 6:7-8)
Salvation Costs Nothing (Rev 21:6)	Rewards Cost Everything (Luke 14:27)
Salvation Can Never Be Lost (Jn 10:27-28)	Rewards Can Be Lost (2 John 8)

2) The Criteria for Rewards

We also know that God is a rewarder of believers who seek Him by faith (Heb. 11:6, 2 Cor. 5:7) Our works as a Christian done on the basis of the Word of God believing it by faith with proper attitude under the leading of the Holy Spirit (as opposed to the leading of the Flesh- Gal. 5:16-17) are considered gold, silver, and precious stones. God sees our motives and intentions of the heart (1 Cor. 4:5).

Here are some other passages in the book of Matthew and Luke that talks about rewards in heaven for believers. Although Christ is talking to the nation of Israel in light of the coming Kingdom, we can see some insight to a heavenly reward system:

Criteria #1- There is reward for those who have endured hardships and persecution on behalf of Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:11-12)

Criteria #2- We also see in these verses in Matthew that the Lord uses motivation as men pleasers or God-pleasers as criteria for rewards in heaven. If you are obedient to God to be noticed by other people, you will not receive a reward (Matt. 6:1-6)

Criteria #3- There is a reward for hospitality when one shows hospitality to a prophet or a righteous man (a believer) as seen in Matt. 10:41-42.

Criteria #4- There is reward for loving your enemies and when believers do good and expect nothing in return (Luke 6:30-36)

3) The Types of Rewards/Crowns

A) Crown of Righteousness- for believers who “loved Christ’s appearing.” 2 Tim. 4:8

B) Crown of Glory- for faithful elders, pastors, and leaders of churches (1 Peter 5:4)

C) Crown of Life- for believers who are faithful to Christ until death or who remain steadfast/faithful under difficult trials (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10)

4) Difference Between the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White

Throne Judgment

The Judgment Seat of Christ is only for believers (1 Cor. 3:10-15, 1 Cor. 4:5, Romans 14:10-11, 2 Cor. 5:10).

The main judgment for unbelievers will be the Great White Throne Judgment which is found in Revelation 20:11-15- this is for those who died without Christ. Everybody at this judgment will have their names checked to see if it was written in the Lamb’s book of life. They will be judged for their works and then cast into the lake of fire. There is at least 1,000 years’ time difference between the believers’ judgment at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment for unbelievers.

CONCLUSION

Are we living for a purpose for eternity and not just for temporary things? Do we do things that have eternal value? What are we building with? Are we building with precious metals or with wood, hay, and straw?

In summary here is the criteria of God’s judgment:

- 1) Are we obeying God’s commands and exhortations in the Word of God?
- 2) Are we obeying in the RIGHT way with proper motivation? Are we obeying with an attitude of thanksgiving and love for God in our hearts?
- 3) Are we walking in the Spirit?