

# Living Connections

## Bible Study

### Faithful 'till the Bema

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-11

**Prayer:**

**Icebreaker:** Have you had a job review when your employer reviewed your job performance and asked questions about how you were fulfilling your responsibilities? How did this make you feel? Did knowing that you would give an account of your work performance motivate you to be a better employee in the time leading up to your review?

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1. What should be our motivation whether we are on earth or with the Lord in Heaven?  
2 Corinthians 5:6-9

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2. What event follows the rapture of the Church? 2 Corinthians 5:10

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*Bema* is the Greek word for *judgment seat*. A Bema could refer to the place of judgment, as in a court of law, or to an elevated platform in a sporting arena where the judges sat to oversee the competition. In sporting events the Bema was a place of reward where the winning athletes assembled to receive their rewards or crowns.

It is in this second sense that the term Judgment Seat of Christ is used. The Bema judgment will not be a judicial bench where one might be condemned and sentenced for punishment. It is a place of accountability, a place of reward or loss of reward according to how we have run life's race.

3. Why can we be confident that the believer does not have to fear eternal condemnation and punishment for our sins at the Judgment Seat of Christ? John 19:30, John 5:24

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4. How does God deal with sin in the lives of His children?

1 John 1:9

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1 Corinthians 11:31-32

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Hebrews 12:5-8

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5. Since the Bema is not a place of punishment for sin why would one tremble in fear at the thought of appearing before the Lord Jesus at this judgment?

2 Corinthians 5:11

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Romans 14:11-12

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6. We can sum up the responsibility of every servant/steward of God in one word. What is it?

1 Corinthians 4:2

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7. What illustration does Paul use of the Christian life in the following references?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1-2, Philippians 3:12-14

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8. What things will we give account and be rewarded for at the Bema?

Hebrews 6:10

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Matthew 10:42

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Hebrews 13:17

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1 Peter 4:10

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1 Timothy 6:17-19

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Matthew 5:11-12

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Ephesians 5:16  
Colossians 4:5

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Philippians 2:16

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1 Thessalonians 2:19-20  
Daniel 12:3

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1 Peter 5:2-4

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2 Timothy 4:7-8

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**Think about it this week:**

Am I looking forward to standing before the Bema Seat of Christ?

Will I hear Jesus say, *Well done good and faithful servant?*

What have I accomplished for Jesus that counts for works of gold, silver and precious stones?

*“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.” 1 Corinthians 3:11-13*