

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. It does _____ how we live our lives here on earth.
2. It is not _____ to earn these rewards.
3. Our motive is to be _____ to the Lord Jesus.

Burley Bible Church Deeper Faith Conference

with Pastor Ron Schafer

AN APPOINTMENT YOU CAN'T MISS

PART 1

Our great "Blessed" hope is that Jesus Christ is coming to "catch away" His Church. We believe this event, called the "Rapture", could happen at any time because it is imminent. There are no more Prophecies that have to be fulfilled for this event to unfold. It is just a matter of time and God's sovereign timing.

Following immediately on the heels of this highly anticipated event is another very important occasion. It is an appointment that all believers will keep. No one will "opt out" or reschedule their appearance at the Judgment Seat of Christ also referred to as the "Bema".

Since we all are going to be there, that is all believers, we must understand what it is all about.

THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10

- The Judgment seat was a raised platform on which judges made _____ or rulings.
- It was also a platform on which the _____ of the Isthmian Games presided.
- From the "Bema", the umpire watched the games and awarded the _____.
- The Judgment Seat was a place of _____ evaluation and great reward.

DETAILS OF THE BEMA

THE PARTICIPANTS

- All believers from the day of Pentecost to the Rapture of the Church will be _____.
- Each believer will be in their resurrected, glorified, perfect _____ at this judgment. (1 John 3:2)

THE PLACE AND TIMING

- Believers will meet Jesus Christ in the _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:17) This is not the second coming of Christ.
- Christ will have the _____ when He comes. (Revelation 22:12)

- The Bema must happen before we arrive in Heaven because we are _____ presented to the Father. (Jude 24)
- Therefore, it will be one event, for all believers, in a _____ period of time. (1 Corinthians 3:13)
- The Bema then will take place between earth's outer atmosphere and the _____ heaven.

THE JUDGE/UMPIRE

- Jesus Christ will be the perfect judge, always acting _____.
- He will evaluate each _____ individually.

THE PURPOSE

- To evaluate the _____ we have done for Jesus Christ.
- These works, from God's perspective, are either _____ or bad (useless).
- As believers, the way we run the _____, or our Christian life style, will be examined and evaluated.
- Rewards(crowns) will be given to those who _____ the evaluation.
- _____ of reward, not salvation, is possible at this event. (3 John 8)
- Notice = the issue of _____ is not mentioned.