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## Judgement Seat

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## The Judgement Seat of Christ.

Amongst the global body of Christ, it is common for those who hold to a particular set of doctrines they believe contain all truth, to build their salvation upon what they believe to be true, to condemn those who do not hold to same doctrinal truths. The danger of this type of thinking, is that, they may be condemning believers of God, who Jesus has elected. This is because our salvation does not rest solely upon doctrines, but firstly, rests upon God's grace, and faith in his Son, and Christ's righteousness being imputed to us.

By dying on the cross Jesus has drawn and reconciled us to God, our justification is due to faith, that has come to us because of God's love manifested toward us in giving His Son. The beauty and glory of the Gospel of salvation and grace that leads to eternal life that Jesus, after His resurrection gave to the apostle Paul to proclaim to the Gentiles, is that it shows that acceptance or rejection of all who stand before Christ at the judgement will not be based upon whether a believer has a certificate of religious theology, a brilliant IQ, or a full understanding of the Old and New Testament, but upon the following:

- Have they faithfully responded to the Gospel Jesus gave to the apostle Paul to proclaim to the Gentiles.
- Is their faith founded upon honest love and zeal for the things of God, or is it a faith of lukewarmness apathy, and indifference.
- Is the passion, devotion, and love for Christ they display outwardly to others true to what they believe in their inner most being.
- By the love or lack of it, they have shown love toward their brothers and sisters in Christ, and toward their neighbour (i.e., those outside of the body of Christ).
- Is the faith they have motivated by love for Christ or by selfish ambition, and a sense of importance and, fame, and a desire for worldly riches.

Jesus did not say to those who stood on his right hand, "well done good and faithful servant, you have all doctrines perfectly correct enter-into the joy of the Lord," rather the focus of the ones accepted is upon those whose faith is solidly founded on the Rock (i.e., the Lord Jesus Christ), and who are faithful and passionate about doing the will of his heavenly Father, and according to the love they have shown toward their brothers and sisters in Christ, and toward their neighbour. (Matthew 7:15–27). In contrast to the ones He accepts, the ones He turns away are false prophets, who come in sheep's clothing (i.e., teachers that appear to be Christians, but are not), and workers of lawlessness and those whose faith was founded on sand (i.e., hypocritical believers who serve Christ for their own selfish gain, and those who were apathetic toward Christ (i.e., luke warm), and had no interest in honouring his name.

For these reasons we may be standing on shaky ground when we condemn other Christians because they do not hold to our set of doctrines, for we may find the Shephard of the sheep, the eternal Judge we love, accepts them, for only He is able to perceive the true intents and motives of the heart, and only He knows who His sheep are. There are no parables or scenes of Jesus at the judgment seat using doctrinal understandings as the basis of his judgements. Rather, the two scenes we do see, are, firstly, of him judging and condemning hypocritical Christians, and ungodly behaviour and actions, and secondly of him rewarding, all who have received Christ, and have a passion and love toward him, and honestly and faithfully do their best to live a godly lifestyle. 1

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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