

GOD LOVES US SO MUCH HE REWARDS US

Outline:

Sin has eternal consequences. 2 Corinthians 5:10

Do righteous acts. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Don't lose your reward. 1 Corinthians 9:26-27

God reconciled the world to Himself. 2 Corinthians 5:19

God changes the cosmos. Colossians 1:20

God changes us. Romans 8:22-23

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

The foundation we build our lives upon is Jesus Christ. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. To build you may use gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames.

At the Judgment Seat of Christ:

2 Corinthians 5:10 We will receive what is due, whether profitable or unprofitable.

Rewards of the believer:

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

Isaiah 40:10 The Lord is coming in all His glorious power. He will rule with awesome strength. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes.

Mark 9:41 If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I assure you, that person will be rewarded.

Matthew 16:27 Jesus said, "I will come and judge all people according to their deeds."

2 Timothy 4:8 Paul says, "The prize awaits me, the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His glorious return."

Revelation 22:12 Jesus said, " See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay all according to their deeds."

Hebrews 11:6 It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone that wants to come to Him must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. How do we diligently seek God?

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 Don't lose your reward.

How does the repentant thief on the cross beside Jesus receive a reward? He is still receiving his reward as people read of his faith in Jesus and are inspired to also believe.

Revelation 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, bright and clean, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The church and the wedding garment: The fine linen is the righteous acts of the believer. So do righteous acts throughout every day.

REWARDS IN HEAVEN

Matthew 5:11-12 If you are persecuted on account of Jesus, your reward in heaven is great.

Matthew 6:1-6 Don't show off your righteous acts for you will have no reward.

Matthew 6:20 Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

What will earn a reward?

Daniel 12:3 Lead many people to righteousness.

1 Thess. 2:19-20 You are our glory and joy.

What kind of reward?

Matthew 25:21 I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

What causes loss of reward?

Don't love others enough to share the truth and don't comfort the needy.