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In next few parts we are going to unpack the judgement seat of Christ for every follower.

Many followers I have spoken to, either don't know this judgement seat exists, don't know what it's for, or they have confused it with the great white throne judgement seat for nonbelievers, and so deem it irrelevant for them as His people.

The fatal mistake many make is to believe this judgement seat is not relevant to them. The Judgement Seat of Christ is a judgement for reward, based on how we have lived our lives as His followers. There are consequences for not living a faithful and obedient life in Christ by faith, and the scriptures clearly state this.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 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. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:10-12 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each one of us will give an account of himself



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to God.

These verses make us realise the absolute significance and seriousness of how important it is to be in and living from, the reality we have covered in parts 1-10. If we are not flowing and living from the divine eternal pattern of heaven, then when we stand before the judgement seat of Christ, it will be us that experience and suffer the loss which 1 Corinthians 3:15 speaks of.

Let's unpack 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and see what we can learn and come to know.

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As His followers the foundation our lives must be built upon is Christ, and Christ alone. There can be no other foundation our lives are built upon. There is no cohabitation or division in what we build our lives upon. Our lives must be 100% built on Christ, and Christ alone.

Our problem is that when we are born, we are the foundation of our own lives. Not one single person is born with Christ as their foundation. Even though we pray a prayer and receive Jesus as our Saviour, this does not mean that He automatically becomes our foundation.

We can be justified by His blood and still be the foundation of our own lives. We can be exactly like Simon the sorcerer who believes in Jesus, is baptised in water and still have our heart not right before God.

The reason for this, is because we haven't received the revelation of Jesus Christ in our inner most being place, so the spirit of pride which we are born with, is still alive and well.

We haven't received Him as Lord through His power, implanting the Word deep within us. The consequence of this means although Jesus may be in our lives, He is not our life, and



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He has not become our foundation.

We have only incorporated Him into our lives, and we remain as our own foundation. In other words, we have simply overlaid our foundation with Christ. He is an addition rather than being the sole structure. We are to be removed as the foundation and the new and only foundation we build upon is Him.

This happens because we have only made a mental and verbal agreement with the Gospel taught to us by man, as opposed to receiving the revelation of Jesus Christ in us, which is how Paul received Jesus as his foundation and how we must as well.

Galatians 1:11-12 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Revelation is the only way of receiving heaven's foundation. Revelation is the way of the kingdom. It is through Revelation that God does everything. If there is no true spiritual revelation, then there will be nothing of the Spirit taking place. In other words, there is no building work of the Spirit taking place, only our vain imagination.

This is what John 3:27 and Psalm 127:1 declare.

John 3:27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven."

Psalms 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.

QUESTIONS

1. What has been your current understanding of the purpose of the Judgement seat of Christ for the church?
2. Why is it essential we have a revelation of this truth?



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3. Why is Jesus not the foundation of our lives if we only know the ‘incorporating position?’
4. How does Jesus become the foundation of our lives where we are removed as the foundation?
5. Why is it essential we imitate Paul's testimony of the work of the Spirit, rather than the work of man?

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