

RECEIVING WHAT WE ARE DUE

2 Cor. 5:9, *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him.”*

Can you in your mind imagine that moment? The moment that preachers has preached about has finally come...that day when you and I will personally stand before the very presence of Jesus Christ, and listen to Him, as He speaks to us about our lives, and follows that with rewards, based on the totality of our earthly life. While the Bible doesn't give us a date or a year, the reality is...we all will stand before the very presence of the Lord Jesus to receive the things "done in the body". Therefore, our Christian walk should be of great concern to us. For there is a sobering day in which we will give full and total accountability.

God will call us to give account of whether we furthered His kingdom or brought pain upon His kingdom. We will be called to give account of our talents, time, and energies. The picture of judgment is not a picture designed to be negative but God will look to reward us. However, if He finds a believer who has brought pain to His kingdom, then He very well can't reward positively. We will receive what we are due. Our due is not based upon God but upon us. He wants all believers to be rewarded and rewarded richly, but sadly that will not be the case. God will reward us for being salt and light. God will reward us for our degree of obedience to His Word. God will reward us for holding the standard of His Word or letting it go. God will reward that person who has learned the real truth about loving God.

It is a wise person who seriously asks these sobering questions- Where do I invest my life? What am I mentally preoccupied with most of the time? Where do I invest my money? Money is the greatest indicator of where the heart is. Do I have a desire to know the Lord God in an intimate way? What about you? What does the Lord find you doing, to honor His holy name this day. In eternity it will be revealed.