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OUR REWARDS IN HEAVEN – PART 5

THE VICTOR'S CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

At the Judgement Seat of Christ (Bema Seat) we are rewarded according to our works after salvation. Those whose works were in vanity or according to the flesh (temporal, worldly) shall not be rewarded; those works fail the test (hay, wood, and stubble all burn). Good works done as unto the Lord (gold, silver, jewels, can withstand the test of fire) are spoken of in I Timothy 6:19 as ***“laying up in store for themselves a good foundation”*** built on Christ. (NIV).

Those who have built on Jesus and produced the good works as though unto Him are the ones who are awaiting His coming. They look forward to seeing Jesus and abide with Him when He comes (or sends) for them.

These are the ones who will receive the Victor's Crown of Righteousness. In II Timothy 4:8 (KJV) Paul says, ***“Henceforth there is laid up for me (and you) a Crown of Righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing.”*** We anticipate His second coming; what a glorious day that will be. Many of us will depart this world even before His return to earth, but we will love His appearing to us in heaven when we are called up to be with Him eternally.

I Corinthians 2:9 says (KJV) ***“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”*** The reward is far greater than we can imagine; there is nothing on earth that can compare.

Just as Jesus is “The Righteous One” so He shall crown us with His own righteousness.