Will Christian Souls in Heaven Have Various Rewards? August 28, 2022

Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

Gift: present

2 Corinthians 5:10, "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."

Recompense: come into possession of something or experience something, to receive

Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great."

Reward: recognition by God for the moral quality of an action, recompense

Matthew 20:1-16

Luke 19:11-27

1 Corinthians 3:8; 12-15, "⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

James 3:1, "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment."

Matthew 5:19, *"Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 18:4, *"Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

Luke 6:22-23, "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.²³ Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to ^[a]treat the prophets."

Luke 6:33-36, "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

2 John 1:8, *"Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward."*

Psalm 62:12, "Lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord, for You recompense a man according to his work."

Luke 17:7-10, "Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'? ⁸ But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'? ⁹ He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? ¹⁰ So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"