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Topic: Jesus The Righteous Judge

Text: Romans 14: 10, 2 Cor 5: 10

INTRODUCTION

This world is filled with unjust judgement but there is coming a day when all Christians will stand before a righteous judge and no high-priced lawyer will be able to excuse our unfaithful lives. On that faithful day, even the highly connected in the world will be disappointed by their worldly connections as we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ, (Rom 14:10). Everyone will receive the things done in his body, according to that he had done, whether good or bad, (2 Cor 5:10).

WHO WILL BE JUDGED?

CHRISTIANS: From the passages in 2 Cor 5:10 and Romans 14:10, Apostle Paul was writing to Christians in his letters. Also, in 1 John 2:28; 1 Thess. 2:19-20, 1Tim. 6:18-19; Titus 2:12-14. These passages make it clear that Christians must prepare for the judgement seat of Christ.

WHO IS THE JUDGE?

JESUS: According to these verses, 2 Cor 5:10. John 5:22 and 2 Tim 4:1, Jesus Christ will be our judge. God the Father has committed all judgement to Christ and has put all things under his feet (Heb 2:8). In Acts 10:42; 1Tim. 4:1, Jesus is described as being the One whom the Father has appointed to be the judge both of the living and the dead. This means that His work as a Judge will be all-comprehensive, that all will receive the benefits of His righteous judgements.

WHY ARE WE BEING JUDGED?

The judgement will reveal the quality of service we have given to Him as we sojourned here on earth 1 Pet 1:17. In 1 Cor 3:11-15, our works are compared to gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and stubble. The judgement will be likened to fire. Each of the materials withstands fire differently, some will endure and some will be destroyed. This is what will happen to our works when we stand before Christ at the judgement. Those things we have done in the flesh, the idle, worthless things that have no impact on the Kingdom of Christ will be destroyed. On the other hand, the things we have done in the power of the Holy Spirit, which have a lasting impact will endure.

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THIS JUDGEMENT?

In 1 Cor 3:14, the Bible said that if any man's work abides which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. This shows that the faithful Christian, whose works endure the judgement will receive the crown of righteousness from Jesus Christ himself (1 Tim 4:8). These crowns will be God's recognition that we have fought a good fight, finished our course, and have kept the faith (1 Tim 4:7).

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THIS JUDGEMENT?

- We should prepare for this judgement by abiding in Him (1 John 2:28).
- We should pass the time of our sojourning here in reverent fear of God (1 Peter 1:16-17).
- We should preach the gospel (2 Tim 4:1-2).
- Our service should be as unto the Lord and not as unto men (Col 3:23-25).

CONCLUSION

The righteous judgement of Jesus, the judge of the whole world will be manifested both in the abundant manner in which He will bless the righteous and, in the punishment, which will be meted out to the willfully wicked- (Matt. 25: 34, 41,46). As those who are waiting for His appearing, we should run with perseverance the race that is set before us so that we shall receive the crown of righteousness that awaits those who are waiting for His appearing.