

## ETERNAL JUDGMENT AUGUST 1, 2021

### HEBREWS 5:12 – 6:2

The writer states these believers should be beyond the ABC'S of Christianity to the point of being teachers (Rabbis). Instead, they need taught again the foundational principles of the doctrine of Christ. It's like being educated. We don't start in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

1. Repentance from dead works. A decision to change the way one thinks, believes and lives. Taking a new direction in life. Turning to God wholeheartedly.
  2. Faith toward God. Only God can save. Our faith rests upon Him and the finished works of Christ, not our works.
  3. Baptisms: Into the body by the Spirit; in water by the minister; with the Spirit by Jesus.
  4. Laying on of hands. To impart healing, gifts, to set apart for ministry, etc.
  5. Resurrection of the dead. There are three: the saved at the rapture; those saved during the tribulation at the second coming; the ungodly to attend the great white throne judgment.
  6. Eternal judgment. **REVELATION 20:11-15**
    - A. Great white throne judgment. Those who have not accepted the works of Christ are judged according to their works. Their works weren't able to keep their names written in the book of life. They are found guilty and sentenced to the lake of fire.
    - B. Judgment seat of Christ (Bema).
- ROMANS 8:1** Not to condemn or bring up confessed sin. Once under the blood, it's gone forever.

### THE BEMA – ROMAS 14:10-12

1. The word judgment is not there. Bema is a platform on which a judge or governor gave judgment or rewards. It's a place of evaluation designation.
  - A. Olympic games: judges make certain, rules are kept. Winners are brought to the platform to receive their rewards. It's not a place for losers.
  - B. Jesus evaluates our works and designates our rewards. Peter will receive a reward for doing what he was told. So will we.
- 2 **CORINTHIANS 5:10**
  - A. Everyone will appear to receive what we've got coming to us. No one is excluded.
- 3 **1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15**
  - A. Fire: means an intense evaluation. Even if all our works burn up, we are still saved. We're saved by the blood, not our works.
  - B. The rewards are crowns:
    - Incomparable crown – self-discipline. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27**
    - Rejoicing – **1 THESSALONIANS 2:19** The soul winner's crown.
    - Righteousness – **2 TIMOTHY 4:8** Living holy, anticipating His coming.
    - Glory – **1 PETER 5:4** Pastors who feed the flock.
    - Life – **JAMES 1:12, REVELATION 2:10** Remaining faithful under the pressure of temptation and tribulation.

### CONCLUSION:

Eternal judgment is a foundational principle of our faith. It will happen, but where will it happen for us?