



A New and Better Way

The Hope of Heaven and the Stewardship of our Lives

2 Corinthians 5:1, 10-13

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands...¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

3 Observations:

1. Every believer has the hope of heaven and will receive a new and glorious resurrection body (5:1)
2. Every believer will appear before the Bema, the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of their lives (5:10)
3. This knowledge of the Bema should give us a holy fear of the Lord and a reorientation as to how we live our lives now (5:11-13)

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

- 1. The Expectation**
- 2. The Evaluation**
- 3. The Orientation**