

Intro: In this series of lessons, we will attempt to look a number of questions people may have and or will see them posed for the first time. As a pastor for over 45 years, I find that I face varying levels of spiritual maturity in Believers, which means there are varying levels or degrees of spiritual knowledge. And along the pathway of spiritual growth, we find we have a myriad of questions, some easy to answer and others not so much. The Scriptures are given to us so that we can grow spiritually knowledgeable of those truths which God has given to us, so that we can grow in our understanding of His plans, and His purposes for all the ages. If one is to expect to fellowship with God and walk with the Lord (many are just tagging along) as well as to cooperate with the Holy Spirit of God, we find that God has given us everything we need to know wrapped up in His infallibly preserved Word.

Our first question we will address is:

I. Will all Christians experience the _____ amount of joy in heaven?

A. The Bible reveals the answer to be, ____!

1. Some people assume, due to a lack of biblical understanding, that heaven and eternity is going to be the same for everyone regardless of how they have _____ to live their lives here on earth.
2. Some believe that all they have to do is get into heaven and God will _____ their earthly choices and life styles they chose to live.
3. Heaven is not going to be some commune or communistic, nor socialistic existence where everyone has everything in common and shares and shares alike. (Tailored responsibilities)

B. The Scriptures _____ that there are three areas of eternity where differences do exist.



1. There is going to be a difference in _____. (I Corinthians 3:9 – 15)

- a. The first things to take away from these verses, are that our present lives here on earth are times in which we are _____, hopefully so, and not squandering or wasting our lives as the Redeemed of the Lord.
- b. We are presently, as the Redeemed _____ the outcome of our judgment – **II Cor. 5:8 & 9.** Remember, Paul is not talking about the unsaved here, but those who are saved.
- c. A second take away is the nature or character of our works, some will be so bad that they will be destroyed by fire and nothing or little of what we have done here as Believers will remain. **(I Corinthians 3:13 – 15)**
- d. A third take away is the _____ upon which we build our walk of faith.
 - (1). This is not nor ever will be about _____ salvation through works. **Ephesians 2:8 & 9; and Galatians 2:16** make this clear.
 - (2). Everything in our lives as Believers _____ with our relationship with Christ, **I Corinthians 3:11.**
 - (3). Everything in this relationship is to be _____ by God – **I Corinthians 3:9,** and we Would do well to notice the words “*husbandry*” and “*building*”.
 - (4). God is the one who _____, God is the one who values what is valuable & durable and what is not. It is about being plugged into God’s plan and purposes overall and how we as the Redeemed are placed into those plans and purposes. This gives us our purpose in this life.

(5). How we yield to this purpose and His plans will determine the character of our appearance at the Bema seat mentioned in **II Corinthians 5:9**.

➔ 2. **There is going to be a difference in our _____.**

a. We have a wonderful biblical example of this in the parable of the talents. **Luke 19:17 – 19.**

(1). This parable is about our _____ in this world and our responsibility in the future world.

(2). This truth reveals that our work load here on earth for the Lord will perfectly _____ the responsibilities God has for us throughout eternity future.

b. The _____ works that will pass through the fire, **I Cor. 3:15**, are those things God desires for us to do and are found throughout the Scriptures, for example **Galatians 5:22 – 26.**

➔ 3. **There will be a difference in our _____.** (**Daniel 12:2 & 33**)

a. We find here a contrast as to the amount of _____ glory that will be associated with each of the Redeemed of the Lord.

b. We also see in **verse 2** as to primary interpretation, the reference is to the saved & unsaved.

c. As to application in **verse 2** we see those who are saved and were wise and those who were unwise.

d. This glory has to do with the closeness and faithfulness of our walk with God.

(1). Remember when Moses had been up on the mountain with God?

(2). **Exodus 34:28 – 35. Verse 29 & 30** – “shone” – to send out rays.

e. There is something that stands out in one’s demeanor, their countenance, when Jesus is one’s life.

Colossians 3:4 – “When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

f. **Matthew 5:16** – “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

