

Judgment Seat of Christ and the Sins of Christians

“I will remember their sins no more”

(Heb. 8:12; 10:17; Micah 7:9)

This is true in this life and the next life

“no condemnation” (Rom. 8:1; John 3:18)

In never remembering our sins God means He will not judge us for our sins. Christians will NEVER experience God’s wrath because of their position in Christ (Rom. 5:1-2). But God will allow Christians to remember the way they have lived by performing a general scan or overview of their lives and reveal the results to them (1 Cor. 4:5).

The RECORD of our sins is erased (Eph. 1:7) but the RESULTS of our sins and fleshly deeds (loss of reward) will be on the table at the Bema (2 Jn. 8).

The Bema is not a place of RETRIBUTION but REWARD. The WORKS of Christians are judged – not the CHRISTIANS (“try every man’s work” & “a man’s work shall be burned” - 1 Cor. 3:13, 15).

Our GRACE relationship with Christ means we will not be rebuked by Christ, shamed by Christ, hounded for our sins, nor confess our sins before the Bema and within Christ’s presence (Jude 24).

“I know thy works”

(Rev. 2:2, 9, 13, 19)

“whether it be good or bad”

(2 Cor. 5:10)

“the hidden things of darkness”

(1 Cor. 4:5)

“lest ye be condemned”

(James 5:9)

Christians will NOT be judged or condemned as SINNERS but as faithful versus unfaithful SERVANTS. Grace burns the worthless *works* of believers (1 Cor. 3:15) illustrating that God’s wrath passes over His people, resulting in their *reward*!

To prove Christ is the “righteous judge” (2 Tim. 4:8), He must judge our entire Christian life and service (good and bad works). There would be no need for a judgment if nothing was bad in our lives. A general agreement and word of acknowledgement of the Lord’s assessment of our lives will take place (Rom. 14:10-12).

The Bema is not a place of CONDEMNATION for our sins but COMMENDATION for our service and life lived for the Lord (1 Cor. 4:5).