

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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Wednesday, November 30, 2022



Let's Grow Together: By Having a Faith that Will Pass the Test

(1 Corinthians 3:10-23)

Does the Christian faith or the Christian Church have any lasting and eternal qualities that's able to endure the fiery tests of life?

How do we develop a faith that has lasting qualities? How can we develop a faith so that when T_____ by the fire of God's judgment, it will produce eternal dividends?

I. The F_____ of Our Faith Must Be Right (v 10)

Paul changes metaphors and describes the Church as being like a building. **He called himself a "wise (expert) master builder" (architekton) = same word we get our word, "architect".** It means the person who S_____ the work of building.

He had founded that church and stayed with it for the first year and a half of its existence. another application of this passage is that every B_____ is building on the one foundation in their individual lives and they need to be careful how they build.

In verse 11, Paul tells us what the foundation that he had laid is.

If we are going to live lives that produce the eternal dividends:

- **The foundation of our faith and the G_____ of our salvation must be Jesus.**

II. The Rewards for The Righteous

Now it is important that you know that there is a difference between salvation and the rewards of salvation. Salvation = to be D_____ from danger as a result of one placing his / her faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Rewards, on the other hand, = C_____ or P_____ and benefits that a believer shall receive as a result of his obedience to God or works done in the service of God.

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While every believer, will receive the same salvation, we will not all receive the same rewards. Matthew 5:12; Matthew 5:19

1. Two types of works (v 12)

A. N_____ works

B. Perishable works

2. God is Going to T_____ Our Works (13b)

God knows everything we've done, are doing and shall do. There is no hiding from God. (Psalms 139:1-12)

Paul goes on to say in verse 13b, **“for the Day shall declare it”**.

This will not be a judgment to determine whether you go to heaven or hell.

- **“Fire”** = a metaphor for God's J_____ or testing.
- Paul further explains in verses 14 & 15.
- Gold, Silver, precious stones = the works that we do in life that have L_____ consequences;
- (Referring to the wood, hay, straw – those things are combustible. They won't last.) This refers to works we do, that we will not be rewarded for.

III. A Word of W_____ (V16 & 17)

- God will not tolerate a continuance of inappropriate actions.

Because we are eternally secure, we don't have a green light to sin.

IV. Change Your C_____ (V 21)