

**“Good News pt1”
Revelation 22:8-16**

Only those who are born again believers will stand before the ‘Bema’ seat of Christ
2 Corinthians 5:1-19.

The purpose of the ‘Bema’ seat

It is to make a public manifestation of the essential character and motives of the individual Christian. The believer’s works are brought into judgment, called “the things done in his body”
2 Corinthians 5:10

The judgment seat of Christ, therefore, involves believers giving an account of their lives to Christ.
Romans 14:10-12,

At the judgment seat of Christ, believers are rewarded and receiving crowns for different things based on how faithfully they served Christ 1 Corinthians 9:4-27; 2 Timothy 2:5.

The various crowns are described in 2 Timothy 2:5, 2 Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, and Revelation 2:10. James 1:12

Some of the things we might be judged on are.

How well we obeyed the Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20.

How victorious we were over sin, Romans 6:1-4,

How well we controlled our tongues James 3:1-9.

Results of Christ’s Judgement

The results of the judgment are two-fold: (1) a reward received or (2) a reward lost. If a man’s work remains undamaged by the fire, accordingly, he receives rewards (Greek misthos) ... If a man’s work does not endure, and is consumed in the fire, then he shall “suffer loss.”

Everything he or she has devoted themselves to in this life (those things done in his own strength and for his own glory) shall be burnt up suddenly. 1 Corinthians 3:15

The Good News (are you ready for it?)

The judgment seat of Christ does not determine salvation; that was determined by Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf 1 John 2:2. and our faith in Him John 3:16.

All our sins are forgiven, and we will never be condemned for them Romans 8:1. We should not look at the judgment seat of Christ as God judging our sins, but rather as God rewarding us for our lives. Revelation 22:12

Yes, as the Bible says, we will have to give an account of ourselves. Part of this is surely answering for the sins we committed. However, that is not going to be the primary focus of the judgment seat of Christ.

When does this take place?

The ‘Bema’ seat of Christ occurs at the time immediately following the translation of the Church (“Rapture”– and 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

The place of the Bema seat of Christ is placed in the sphere of the heavenlies.
1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

We are told that the judge at the ‘Bema’ seat of Christ is Christ Himself.

One day all the dead will be raised to stand before Christ (the saved through the rapture to the ‘Bema’ Judgment, and the unsaved through the final resurrection to the Great White Throne Judgment, John 5:29; Romans 14:10-12; Revelation 20:11-15). **Over**

It is important to notice that such a man does not suffer the loss of his salvation, but the loss of reward. The stress is not on a man's relationship to Christ, but upon service to Christ.