

Earning eternal rewards from Jesus

Revelation 22:12-17; etc.

- I. Jesus gives eternal rewards for good works, while eternal life is a free gift (Revelation 22:12-17).
 - A. Jesus will reward obedience when He returns – for believers, not unbelievers (22:12-15).
 - B. Jesus gives salvation freely by grace (22:16-17; 21:6).

- II. God holds us accountable for doing the good works He planned for us.
 - A. Christ saves us by grace, but planned for us to do good works (Ephesians 2:8-10).
 - B. Our works will be tested and rewarded when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 4:4-5).
 - Will our works be burnt or rewarded (3:14-15)?
 - Will God praise our motives or not (4:4-5)?
 - C. We will all appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ to account for our life (2 Corinthians 5:9-14).
 - Christ-centered motives: Please Him (9), accountable to Him (10-13), respond to His love/grace (14-15)

- III. God motivates us with eternal rewards in heaven.
 - A. For enduring persecution (Luke 6:22-23)
 - B. For helping those in need (Luke 14:13-14)
 - C. For sacrifices made for Christ (Matthew 19:29)
 - D. For faithful stewardship (Matthew 25:11-28)
 - E. For serving the gospel (1 Corinthians 3:5-8)
 - F. God gives “crowns” for faithfulness.
 - For spiritual diligence (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
 - For perseverance in trials (James 1:12)
 - For faithfully shepherding (1 Peter 5:1-5)
 - For faithfully serving till death (2 Timothy 4:7-8)