

## **“Lightning & Thunder”** **(Grace & Giving)**

*A special series on Stewardship – Part 9*

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### **Text: Topical**

#### **Review...**

What do we value most? What affords us the greatest pleasure?  
WHAT’S YOUR TREASURE?

All unbelievers will fail the judgment of their faith in Christ at the great white throne, since their names will not be recorded in the Book of Life. All *true* believers will pass, not fail, the “judgment of faith” in Christ. BUT....faith is **not** the only thing to be judged.

### **Q. - DOES GOD CARE ABOUT WORKS?**

A. - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:8-10 - <sup>8</sup>*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* (NIV). Immediately after saying our salvation is **not by works**, Paul adds that we were created for good works. Let’s try to flesh this out.....

ALL BELIEVERS WILL GIVE AN A \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR LIVES. Romans 14:10-12

ALL BELIEVERS WILL BE J \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE LORD ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BOTH G \_\_\_\_\_ AND B \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Corinthians 5:10 – <sup>10</sup>*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for*

*the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”* (NIV) 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 also...

GOOD WORKS ARE E \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. James 2 – <sup>17</sup>*So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead....<sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone....<sup>26</sup>For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”* (v.17-18, 22, 24, 26). James 3:13 affirms this as well.

### **Q. – WILL GOD REWARD US FOR OUR WORKS?**

A. – YES!

God will give us eternal rewards for:

P \_\_\_\_\_ UNDER PERSECUTION— *“Blessed are you when people hate you and...<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven...”* (Luke 6:22-23).

SHOWING C \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE N \_\_\_\_\_ – *“...when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,<sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just”* (Luke 14:13-14).

TREATING OUR E \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_ – <sup>35</sup>*But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil”* (Luke 6:35).

D \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD WORKS – <sup>8</sup>*knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free”* (Ephesians 6:8). <sup>6</sup>*He will render to each one according to his works”* (Romans 2:6).

GENEROUS GIVING – <sup>21</sup>*Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me”* (Matthew 19:21).

One day God will say to some (not all) believers, ***“Well done, good and faithful servant!”*** (Matthew 25:21). Not ‘Well said,’ or ‘Well believed,’ but ‘Well DONE.’