

OUR APPROACHING EVALUATION

LEADER'S GUIDE

A STUDY OF THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

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*WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE FUTURE
WILL DETERMINE HOW WE LIVE IN THE PRESENT.*

FOR WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF GOD ... THEN EACH ONE OF US WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF TO GOD.

– ROMANS 14:10, 12

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ORIENTATION

SERIES OBJECTIVES

This study is about God's evaluation of the Church Age believer, known in Scripture as the Judgment Seat of Christ. Our goals for this study are for each of us

to be sobered by the certainty of this scheduled, face-to-Face appraisal by our all-knowing Master

to become aware that we – who are saved by grace – will be judged according to the quality and motive of our works

to realize that this evaluation of our lives will result in varying degrees of rewards and losses

? What do you hope to get out of this series on the Judgment Seat of Christ? How do you want your life to be different once this course is over?

[Summarize their answers.]

THE LEANING BALE OF HAY

[Have someone read pages 6-8.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

? What is the point of this story? *[To avoid suffering loss at the Judgment Seat of Christ, the believer must cultivate an eternal perspective. He must give his heart (and, therefore, his attention) to the things of Christ rather than the many distractions this world offers him.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

- ? How does one cultivate an eternal perspective? What can he do to give his heart, increasingly, to Christ and His Kingdom? *[He should **personalize** the truths he knows about the character and works of God. That is, he should ponder their relevance to his own life. The result will be an appreciation for and fear of God, motivating him to give of himself more to his Savior.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

WHO WILL STAND BEFORE THIS JUDGE?

WILL BELIEVERS ACTUALLY STAND BEFORE GOD IN JUDGMENT?

[Have someone read pages 9-10.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

We learned from this section that Church Age believers will be evaluated at this Judgment.

- ? Why do you think the *judgment* of a *believer* might sound foreign to many in the Church of the 21st Century? *[Since my sins have already been forgiven, why will my deeds be reviewed? I am a trophy of His grace, not an object of His justice.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

UNBELIEVERS WILL NOT BE EXAMINED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

[Have someone read pages 10-11.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

- ? This evaluation, the Judgment Seat of Christ, is for **Church Age** believers. Let’s take another look at 1st Corinthians 3:11-15. What are some details we can learn about this judgment from this key passage? *[This judgment is for those who have Jesus Christ as the “Foundation” of their salvation. The two categories of building materials: those*

works that can withstand the fire of Christ's judgment and those that cannot. The importance of one's "quality" of work. The word "work" is mentioned four times. There will be "rewards" and "losses." Even with loss, one's salvation will remain intact.]

- ? The ones described in 2nd Corinthians 5:1-9 have certain characteristics. Let's review, once more, what these are. *[See the bullet points, page 11.]*

WILL THIS BE A JUDGMENT OF INDIVIDUALS OR A GROUP?

[Have someone read page 11-12 and footnote 1 (page 12).]

The spiritual condition of the Church is not going to be the issue discussed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. No, the focus of this judgment will be on the individual believer.

This Truth is, indeed, sobering. That the individual believer will "give an account of himself to God" in the future should influence the way he conducts his life in the present. Furthermore, it should also influence the way a local body of believers conducts its life.

[Have someone read the quote on page 3.]

- ? If every member of your church were made aware of their approaching evaluation, what effect do you think that would have on *the church's* character and ministry? *[Regarding her character, it would tend to purify her. Regarding her ministry, it would tend to motivate and mobilize her to participate in the Great Commission.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

CONCLUSION

[Have someone read page 12.]

WHO IS THE JUDGE?

[Have someone read page 13.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Let’s try to imagine ourselves standing before Christ as He evaluates our stewardship.

? Can you think of any passages of Scripture that tell us *what He might look like*?

[Summarize their answers.]

[Have someone read Revelation 1:13-16.]

I SAW ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN, CLOTHED IN A ROBE REACHING TO THE FEET, AND GIRDED ACROSS HIS CHEST WITH A GOLDEN SASH. HIS HEAD AND HIS HAIR WERE WHITE LIKE WHITE WOOL, LIKE SNOW; AND HIS EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE. HIS FEET WERE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE, WHEN IT HAS BEEN MADE TO GLOW IN A FURNACE, AND HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS ... AND HIS FACE WAS LIKE THE SUN SHINING IN ITS STRENGTH. (REVELATION 1:13-16)

[Have someone read Revelation 4:2-3.]

AND BEHOLD, A THRONE WAS STANDING IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE. AND HE WHO WAS SITTING WAS LIKE A JASPER STONE AND A SARDIUS IN APPEARANCE; AND THERE WAS A RAINBOW AROUND THE THRONE, LIKE AN EMERALD IN APPEARANCE. (REVELATION 4:2-3)

? Let’s try to put ourselves in this situation. What do you think your *emotions* will be at this time? [*intensely awed by His appearance, the Throne Room itself, the angels, etc. Excited. Not being able to take in everything. Apprehensive.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

WHY THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS CHRIST IS RELIABLE

[Have someone read pages **13-14** and footnote **2** (page 14)]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

It was stated in your reading that the Lord Jesus Christ “will already know ‘the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth’ about each person that bows before Him.” That fact tends to produce fear in our hearts ... and well it should.

But for our Judge to be all-knowing is also very good news for the exact same reason ... that He knows “the whole truth and nothing but the truth” about us.

? Why would that be good news? *[Our evaluation will be 100% just and fair. We will not suffer any loss because of the Judge’s ignorance. Truths about us will come to light that merit reward, some of which we may not have even been aware!]*

[Summarize their answers.]

WHEN IS THIS JUDGMENT?

[Have the group place the chart on page **90** in front of them. Have them take special note of “(2) Church Is Removed” and “(8) Christ Returns.”]

[Have someone read page **15** and footnote **3** (page 15).]

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The Location of Christ in Relation to the Earth

[Have someone read pages **15-16**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

The Location of the Church in Relation to Christ

[Have someone read pages **16-17**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

The Purposes

[Have someone read pages **17-18**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST IS SOMETIME AFTER THE CHURCH IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH

[Have someone read page **19** and footnote **4** (page 19).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST IS SOMETIME BEFORE THE CHURCH RETURNS TO EARTH WITH CHRIST

[Have someone read page **20** and footnote **5** (page 20).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Believers long to be removed from this earth when Christ returns for His Bride. But what about this event that *follows* the Rapture of the Church?

? Do you think it is possible for someone to *look forward to* the Judgment Seat of Christ?
If so, why would they? If not, why not?

[Summarize their answers.]

WHERE IS THIS JUDGMENT?

[Have someone read page 20.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Let’s place ourselves in the Throne Room of Christ as He evaluates our stewardship.

? Can you think of any passages of Scripture that tell us what this Throne Room might look like?

[Summarize their answers.]

[Have someone read Isaiah 6:1-2.]

I SAW THE LORD SITTING ON A THRONE, LOFTY AND EXALTED, WITH THE TRAIN OF HIS ROBE FILLING THE TEMPLE. SERAPHIM STOOD ABOVE HIM, EACH HAVING SIX WINGS: WITH TWO HE COVERED HIS FACE, AND WITH TWO HE COVERED HIS FEET, AND WITH TWO HE FLEW. (ISAIAH 6:1-2)

[Have someone read Revelation 4:2-10.]

IMMEDIATELY I WAS IN THE SPIRIT; AND BEHOLD, A THRONE WAS STANDING IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE ... AND THERE WAS A RAINBOW AROUND THE THRONE, LIKE AN EMERALD IN APPEARANCE. AROUND THE THRONE WERE TWENTY-FOUR THRONES; AND UPON THE THRONES I SAW TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS SITTING, CLOTHED IN WHITE GARMENTS, AND GOLDEN CROWNS ON THEIR HEADS. OUT FROM THE THRONE COME FLASHES OF LIGHTNING ... AND THERE WERE SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE BURNING BEFORE THE THRONE ... AND BEFORE THE THRONE THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE A SEA OF GLASS, LIKE CRYSTAL; AND IN THE CENTER AND AROUND THE THRONE, FOUR LIVING CREATURES FULL OF EYES IN FRONT AND BEHIND. THE FIRST CREATURE WAS LIKE A LION, AND THE SECOND CREATURE LIKE A CALF, AND THE THIRD CREATURE HAD A FACE LIKE THAT OF A MAN, AND THE FOURTH CREATURE WAS LIKE A FLYING EAGLE. AND THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES, EACH ONE OF THEM HAVING SIX WINGS, ARE FULL OF EYES AROUND AND WITHIN ... AND WHEN THE LIVING CREATURES GIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND THANKS TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, TO HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS WILL FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND WILL WORSHIP HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, AND WILL CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE. (REVELATION 4:2-10)

? Can you think of any passages of Scripture that tell us what you might hear in the Throne Room of God?

[Summarize their answers.]

[Have someone read Isaiah 6:2-3.]

SERAPHIM STOOD ABOVE HIM, EACH HAVING SIX WINGS ... AND ONE CALLED OUT TO ANOTHER AND SAID, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD OF HOSTS. THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY." (ISAIAH 6:2-3)

[Have someone read Revelation 4:5.]

OUT FROM THE THRONE COME FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND SOUNDS AND PEALS OF THUNDER. (REVELATION 4:5)

[Have someone read Revelation 4:8-11.]

DAY AND NIGHT (THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES) DO NOT CEASE TO SAY, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." AND WHEN THE LIVING CREATURES GIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND THANKS TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, TO HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS WILL FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND WILL WORSHIP HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, AND WILL CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE, SAYING, "WORTHY ARE YOU, OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER; FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, AND BECAUSE OF YOUR WILL THEY EXISTED, AND WERE CREATED." (REVELATION 4:8-11)

WHAT IS NOT THE ISSUE AT THIS JUDGMENT

[Have someone read pages 21-22.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

We said that neither our sins nor the assurance of our salvation would be the issues for the believer before the Judgment Seat of Christ. To support this, we considered some of God's promises that assure the believer that his sins have been fully and forever removed from him.

? If our sins *were* the issue at the Judgment Seat of Christ, what would that do to these promises of God? *[It would discredit every promise of God as well as the character of God. We could no longer trust God to keep even this promise: "...whosoever believes in His Son shall not perish but have everlasting life.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

WHAT ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU SETTLED THIS ISSUE WITH GOD?

[Have someone read pages 22-23.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

If anyone would like to talk about this issue privately with me or another believer you are close to, I hope you will feel the freedom and ease to do so.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE AT THIS JUDGMENT?

[Have someone read page **24**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

There must be a reason God will use our “deeds in the body” to evaluate our lives.

? What do the works of a believer reveal? [*His level of loving devotion to God. His degree of faithfulness toward his Master. The extent of his perseverance during adversity. The depth of his faith.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

THE PROPERTIES MANAGED BY THE STEWARD

[Have someone read Matthew 25:14-30.]

[Have someone read Luke 19:11-27.]

[Have someone read pages **25-26**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Concerning our *character*, we are *all* expected to display the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

But *no one* is expected to perform *every ministry*.

? *How do you know what to say “Yes” to and what to say “No” to? [Determine what your God-given abilities (gifts) are, where your passion lies, and your time limitations.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

? *Why is it important that you know when to say “Yes” and when to say “No”? [That is the only way you can use your life to the maximum for Christ.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

SAVED BY GRACE ... JUDGED BY WORKS

[Have someone read pages **26-27**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

It was stated in your reading, “Perhaps we (believers) are hesitant to emphasize the role of works in the Christian life because we do not want to be branded as ‘legalists.’” Most certainly, God does not want His people to be legalistic; but He does expect us to be obedient.

? How can it be that two individuals actively seek to be pure – to separate their lives from sinful practices – and one of them is legalistic ... but the other one is not?

*[A legalistic person is not someone who adheres to a stricter code of conduct than you do. Legalism is not determined by **what** a person does. (It is possible for two individuals to take the **same action**, with one of them being legalistic and the other one is not.) Legalism is determined by **why** a person does what he does. The difference between the two is one of **motive**.]*

*[A legalistic person obeys a command to get saved or stay saved. An obedient person obeys a command because he already is saved and wants to express loving gratitude to his Redeemer. The former is trying to **get** something from God via works; the latter is **giving** his gratitude for the favor God has already given him.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

THE CHARACTER OF OUR CHOICES

THE FOUNDATION

[Have someone read page 28.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

- ? Before the Apostle Paul describes the different building materials a believer can use in his labor for Christ (1st Corinthians 3:12-15), he first describes the Foundation upon which he builds (1st Corinthians 3:10-11). Why do you think he brought up salvation through faith in Christ, the Foundation, before he explained the importance of a believer’s works? *[Just as a building’s construction is in vain without a solid foundation, the works of an individual are in vain before the foundation of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus is established. He also may have wanted to remind the reader that his works are not what saves him.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

THE BUILDING MATERIALS

[Have someone read paged 29-30 and footnote 6 (page 29).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones

(a God-Centered, Christ-Enamored, Holy Spirit-empowered Life)

Wood, Hay, and Straw

(a Self-Centered, World-Enamored, Flesh-empowered Life)

It was stated on page 29, “(The gold, silver, and precious stones) represent the believer’s *faithful obedience and service to his Master* ... They are *His (God’s)* works – accomplished through us – for which we will be rewarded.” This can be seen in Paul’s own testimony regarding the power behind his ministry.

[Have someone read Colossians 1:29.]

FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALSO, I LABOR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS POWER, WHICH MIGHTILY WORKS WITHIN ME. (COLOSSIANS 1:29)

? Why is it that the only works viewed by God as “gold, silver, and precious stones” are those that *He did* through you? Why are *His* works the only works He will accept? [*The best works of man are imperfect because man is imperfect. The works of God are perfect because God is perfect. God will only accept what is perfect.*]

[Have someone read Isaiah 64:6.]

FOR ALL OF US HAVE BECOME LIKE ONE WHO IS UNCLEAN, AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUS DEEDS ARE LIKE A FILTHY GARMENT; AND ALL OF US WITHER LIKE A LEAF, AND OUR INIQUITIES, LIKE THE WIND, TAKE US AWAY. (ISAIAH 64:6)

[Summarize their answers.]

CONCLUSION

[Have someone read page 30.]

“What information in this section was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE APPLE FARMER’S STEWARD

(Cultivating Faithfulness)

[Have someone read pages 31-33.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

? What is the point of this story? [*God wants to cultivate faithfulness in the lives of His children. To do so, the Father stretches our endurance by putting us in (what seems to be) stagnated situations that tempt us to quit. Steadfastness is fortified when the*

laborer, seeing few – if any – results of his ministry, doggedly remains in that ministry because he knows that is where his Master wants him to be (and that’s the only reason he stays).]

[Summarize their answers.]

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S PROPERTIES

A STEWARD OF GOD’S GIFTS

(Service)

Faithful Service

[Have several read pages **34-37** and footnote **7** (page 35).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

In this section it was stated that Christ Jesus will reward his servants for being *faithful to God*.

? What does it mean to be faithful to God? [*To be faithful means to diligently do what God has given you to do (to obey and serve Him) by the power of the Holy Spirit.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

Devoted Service

[Have several read pages **37-39** and footnote **8** (page 37).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

In this section it was stated that Christ Jesus will reward his servants for being *devoted to Him*. That is, they had a single-hearted passion for Christ which showed

? What does it mean to be devoted to God? [*To be devoted to God means for one to have a single-hearted passion for Christ because of his love for Him.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

- ? What is the difference between being faithful to God and being devoted to God? *[One can be faithful to God out of obligation. Devotion brings one's heart into the commitment. It involves one's passion. This will show through the zeal with which he represents and serves God (in character and ministry).]*

[Summarize their answers.]

A STEWARD OF GOD'S WORD (Faith and Obedience)

[Have someone read pages **39-41** and footnote **9** (page 40.)]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Some people get more from their Bible reading than others. They just seem to flourish in their understanding of the Scriptures. There is more than one reason for that.

- ? According to this section we just read, what is one of the reasons some seem to get more from their Bible reading than others? *[When one has a resolve to obey what he learns, he is showing himself to be a faithful steward of the truth. Consequently, the Spirit of God is willing to entrust him with even more truth because He knows that this believer will obey that, as well.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

A STEWARD OF GOD'S LOVE (Motive)

Our Love for Others

[Have someone read pages **42.**]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

In this section it was stated that Christ Jesus will reward those believers who served others because of *their love for them*. They did what they did because it was in the others' best interest, not because it was in their own best interest.

This kind of love is not a man-generated love but, rather, a Holy Spirit generated love.

? To love others, we must *draw upon* the love of God, made available to us by the indwelling Holy Spirit. But how do you do that? *[Through prayer, one must depend upon the Spirit of God to love others – even the unlovable – through him. It is only by faith that we can love others with God's love.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

Our Love for God

[Have someone read pages **42-43**.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

As with the preceding section, this love for God is not man-generated but, rather, Holy Spirit generated. Because of his sinful nature, man cannot love God. Only God can love God.

? It is easy to say, "I love God." According to your reading, how can I be sure that I do? *[Our love for God is displayed through our efforts to obey. Obedience is always in God's best interest since it is a display of His character to others.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

CONCLUSION

[Have someone read page **43** and footnote **10** (page 43).]

THE TEMPORARY REWARDS WE WILL JOYFULLY SURRENDER

THE GOLDEN DIADEMS OF VICTORY

[Have someone read pages **44-46** and footnotes **11 and 12** (page 46.)

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

It was stated in your reading that “Believers ... will wear the crowns reserved for those who have overcome the world. This what every saint has conquered.”

[Have someone read 1st John 5:5.]

WHO IS THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES THE WORLD, BUT HE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?
(1ST JOHN 5:5)

We are victors over the world, not by our own strength but by our faith in Christ Jesus. He is the One Who overcame the world. Because true believers are “in Christ,” they share in His victory over the world.

[Have someone read John 16:33.]

THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT TAKE COURAGE; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. (JOHN 16:33)

We should notice from this verse that being victorious over the world does not mean being insulated from the world’s attacks.

? How, then, does the believer experience victory over the world if tribulation *from* the world is still a part of his life? [Unlike an unbeliever, the believer has the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to **not** give in to the world’s temptations and persecutions. And by the power of the resurrected Christ, he can remain composed during intense adversity.]

[Summarize their answers.]

We are told that these crowns are “laid up” for us. They are “safely kept” for us. And sometime “in the future” we will be awarded these crowns.

[Have someone read 2nd Timothy 4:8.]

IN THE FUTURE THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL AWARD TO ME ON THAT DAY (2ND TIMOTHY 4:8)

Or to put it in the words of an old country preacher, “We’ll get these crowns up there, not down here.”

- ? What does the believer need for this promise of a *future* reward to help him *right now*? *[He needs to believe that this promise is from God. He needs to believe that God will keep His promises. And to prevent himself from forfeiting his rewards, he needs to depend on the Spirit of God for perseverance during attacks aimed at him because he is a Christ-follower. That is, he needs to have faith in God.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

THE CROWN OF LIFE

*A DIADEM OF VICTORY FOR FAITHFUL PERSEVERANCE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING
(TRIALS, TEMPTATIONS, PERSECUTIONS, OPPRESSIONS, MARTYRDOM)*

[Have several read pages **47-50** and footnotes **13** (page 48) and **14** (page 50).]

“What information was the most **interesting** or **helpful** or **new** to you?”

“Was there any information that was **confusing**?”

“Was there any information that you **disagreed** with?”

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

According to James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10, the Crown of Life will be awarded to those “who persevere under trial” and are “faithful until death.” Matthew 5:44 tells us one step we can take to be able to respond in this way toward those who attack us:

[Have someone read Matthew 5:44]

I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. (MATTHEW 5:43-44)

We are to pray for those who persecute us.

- ? *How* are we to pray for our enemies? What *specifically* should we ask the Lord to do on their behalf ... and ours? *[Save them if they are lost. Mature them if they are saved. Convict them of their sins. Bless their lives. Enable us to forgive them with the same forgiveness with which Christ has forgiven us. Give us God’s wisdom to know how to respond to them for their good and God’s glory.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

THE CROWN OF EXULTATION

*A DIADEM OF VICTORY FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE IN CHRIST'S NAME TO BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS
(ACCORDING TO ONE'S CALLING)*

[Have someone read pages **51-52**.]

"What information was the most **interesting** or **helpful** or **new** to you?"

"Was there any information that was **confusing**?"

"Was there any information that you **disagreed** with?"

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

Every Christ-follower has been *called to strengthen Christ's Church* in some way.

? How do you know what specific ministry(ies) you have been called to? *[A calling is determined by one's unique, God-given **gifts** (abilities used to strengthen Christ's Church) and by his **passion** (the thing he is highly motivated to do). Another important factor is the **time** he has to perform his ministry. Some circumstances (sickness, family issues, et. al.) may prevent him from participating in this service, at least for a time.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

[Have someone read 1st Peter 4:10.]

*AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A **SPECIAL GIFT**, EMPLOY IT IN SERVING ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD. (1ST PETER 4:10)*

THE CROWN OF GLORY

*A DIADEM OF VICTORY FOR FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST'S CHURCH
(PASTORAL MINISTRIES)*

[Have someone read pages **53-54** and footnote **15** (page 54.)]

"What information was the most **interesting** or **helpful** or **new** to you?"

"Was there any information that was **confusing**?"

"Was there any information that you **disagreed** with?"

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

If your pastor is faithful to his God-entrusted stewardship, you can be sure that he is being attacked from many sides.

- ? In what ways can you help your pastor be faithful to his calling? *[Pray for his witness to be Christ-like. Pray for his sermon preparation and delivery. Pray for his leadership skills. Verbally encourage him. Write him notes of encouragement. Take him out for a steak dinner.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A DIADEM OF VICTORY FOR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S WORD
(FAITH AND OBEDIENCE)

[Have someone read pages **55-56** and footnotes **16 and 17** (page 55.)]

"What information was the most **interesting** or **helpful** or **new** to you?"

"Was there any information that was **confusing**?"

"Was there any information that you **disagreed** with?"

[Be sure to discuss each *issue* that is brought up.]

To believe in "the integrity of the Scriptures" is to believe that the original manuscripts, penned by human authors, were inspired by God ("God-breathed"), down to the very letters ... that God, in His sovereign care, has preserved its trustworthiness in the copies of those manuscripts ... and that its authority over our lives remains intact today.

- ? How can you tell if someone believes in "the integrity of the Scriptures"? *[He will view all its words as "God's Truth," he will defend its authority over the lives of man (including his own), he will entrust his very soul to its reliability, and he will obey its teachings.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

CASTING OUR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

[Have someone read pages **57-58**.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

- ? Why does God deserve **all** the credit for a fruitful ministry in which **you** have faithfully labored long hours and in which **you** have grown weary? *[God supplied us with all we needed and used to perform our ministries, including the physical strength and know-how. Furthermore, it is only by His power that lives can change.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

The crowns the saints will be given to wear are crowns they do not deserve to wear. Christ, and Christ alone, deserves to wear these crowns of gold. They represent the works *He* did in and through believers, but that *they* will wear.

- ? Can you think of a crown Jesus was given to wear that *He* did not deserve? *[the crown of thorns]*

[Have someone read Matthew 27:29.]

AND AFTER TWISTING TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS, THEY PUT IT ON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND; AND THEY KNELT DOWN BEFORE HIM AND MOCKED HIM, SAYING, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!"
(MATTHEW 27:29)

This crown Christ was given to wear was one He did not deserve to wear. But because of *our sinful works*, you and I do.

- ? What did this crown of thorns represent? *[It represents God's curse of corruption and death upon all creation because of the sin of man, a curse Jesus Christ took upon Himself. In the process, creation was delivered from its corruption (to be realized at the 2nd Coming of Christ.)]*

[Summarize their answers.]

[Have two read Genesis 3:17-18 and Romans 8:18-22.]

THEN TO ADAM (GOD) SAID, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF YOUR WIFE, AND HAVE EATEN FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, SAYING, 'YOU SHALL NOT EAT FROM IT,' CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU. IN TOIL YOU WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. BOTH THORNS AND THISTLES IT SHALL GROW FOR YOU" (GENESIS 3:17-18)

FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY THAT IS TO BE REVEALED TO US. FOR THE ANXIOUS LONGING OF THE CREATION WAITS EAGERLY FOR THE REVEALING OF THE SONS OF GOD. FOR THE CREATION WAS SUBJECTED TO FUTILITY, NOT WILLINGLY, BUT BECAUSE OF HIM WHO SUBJECTED IT, IN HOPE THAT THE CREATION ITSELF ALSO WILL BE SET FREE FROM ITS SLAVERY TO CORRUPTION INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE GLORY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD. FOR WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION GROANS AND SUFFERS THE PAINS OF CHILDBIRTH TOGETHER UNTIL NOW.
(ROMANS 8:18-22)

WHEN WILL BELIEVERS CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE GOD'S THRONE?

[Have someone read page 58.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE EVERLASTING REWARDS WE WILL GRATEFULLY KEEP

THE MILLENNIAL YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST ON THIS EARTH

[Have someone read pages 59-60 and footnotes 18 and 19 (page 60.)]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE EVERLASTING REIGN OF CHRIST ON THE NEW EARTH

[Have someone read page 61 and footnote 20 (page 61.)]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

THE EVERLASTING REWARDS

Christ's Praise for Faithful Stewardship

[Have someone read pages 61-62.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Imagine yourself meeting Christ Jesus for the first time face-to-Face; and with a joyful smile, He says to you, “Well done, good and faithful slave.”

? What do you think you would say to Him (if anything)?

[Summarize their answers.]

A Position of Civil Authority

[Have someone read pages 62-63.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

[Have someone read Revelation 5:10.]

YOU HAVE MADE THEM TO BE A KINGDOM AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD; AND THEY WILL REIGN UPON THE EARTH. (REVELATION 5:10)

Notice that those who reign with Christ in these positions of civil authority will also serve as “priests.” That is, this form of government does not recognize a “separation of Church and state.” This is a theocracy.

? Would anyone be willing to define or describe a “theocracy”? *[God is the Head of a political system, reigning through a human agent. Jesus will serve as both Priest and King. Believers, too, will serve as “priests” and as those who “reign” with Jesus Christ.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

Notice, too, that Revelation 5:10 does not describe the government of one nation or a union of nations. The Kingdom of Christ stretches over all the earth. The saints are going to reign with Christ over a world-wide empire.

A Capacity to Display the Radiant Glory of God

[Have someone read pages 63-64.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

The manner we live our lives now will determine the capacity we will be given to radiate the glory of God in His Kingdom.

? What do you think every believer needs to “walk in a manner worthy of the God Who calls him into His Own Kingdom and glory”? *[a clear understanding of God’s Word, encouragement, and opportunities to pray for one another, an opportunity to use his abilities to strengthen the members of his local church, prayer support as he endures various afflictions, mature accountability, genuine spiritual fellowship, Biblical environment of worship, exhortation to obey the truths he knows ...]*

[Summarize their answers.]

SUMMARY: OUR EVERLASTING REWARDS

[Have someone read page 65.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

This section ended with the passage Matthew 6:19-21.

[Have someone read Matthew 6:19-21.]

DO NOT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL. BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROYS, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN OR STEAL; FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO. (MATTHEW 6:19-21)

The point is that we are not to live for this world.

? Why does it have to be “either ... or”? Why not “both ... and”? *[No one has two hearts ... only one. Therefore, no one can have two all-consuming passions ... only one.]*

[Have someone read Matthew 6:24.]

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. (MATTHEW 6:24)

[Have someone read Proverbs 6:6-11.]

GO TO THE ANT, O SLUGGARD; OBSERVE HER WAYS AND BE WISE, WHICH, HAVING NO CHIEF, OFFICER OR RULER, PREPARES HER FOOD IN THE SUMMER AND GATHERS HER PROVISION IN THE HARVEST. HOW LONG WILL YOU LIE DOWN, O SLUGGARD? WHEN WILL YOU ARISE FROM YOUR SLEEP? "A LITTLE SLEEP, A LITTLE SLUMBER, A LITTLE FOLDING OF THE HANDS TO REST" – YOUR POVERTY WILL COME IN LIKE A VAGABOND AND YOUR NEED LIKE AN ARMED MAN. (PROVERBS 6:6-11)

The emphasis of this passage is “Do not be lazy.” But in the process of this counsel, we are instructed to have a responsible savings program ... i.e., to gather our harvest in the summer to avoid hunger in the winter. Yet elsewhere (Matthew 6:19), we are told not to “store up treasures on earth.”

? How do you know when you have stepped over the line of doing what is responsible to doing what is indulgent?

[This is a matter of passion. Since we have only one heart, we can have only one passion. And we need to guard that passion.]

But we also noted that Scripture encourages us to live responsibly: “to store away some of our food during the harvest time so we will have something to eat during the winter.” The bottom-line conclusion was this: We need to determine when we’ve saved enough.

We need to establish a proper distinction between “needs” and “wants.” Then, we need to establish a “ceiling.” Concerning our savings program, how much is enough? We should save for this “ceiling” (as though we were paying our light bill) while giving as much as we can to the Lord’s Kingdom.]

[Summarize their answers.]

THE LOSS OF A REWARD

WOOD, HAY, AND STRAW

(A Poorly Invested Life)

[Have someone read pages 66-67.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

- ? Why do you think that believers who live a “wood, hay and straw” life *allow* this kind of life to continue? [(1) *They are not aware that they will one day be judged by their works.* (2) *They are comparing their lives with the other believers around them rather than the Word of God. Consequently, they are unaware that their lives fall short of what Christ expects.* (3) *They confuse knowledge with obedience. They believe that just because they know the Bible, they must be mature.* (4) *Some church **leaders** believe that just because they are leaders, they must be mature.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

A World-Enamored Life

[Have someone read pages **67-68**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Some of you have (or had or would like to have) children. Concerning their *spiritual lives*

- ? What do you think Christ wants them to *know* before they leave home as young adults?

[Summarize their answers.]

Concerning their *spiritual lives*

- ? What do you think Christ wants them to *be* before they leave home as young adults?

[Summarize their answers.]

Concerning their *spiritual lives*

- ? What do you think Christ wants them to *know how to do* before they leave home as young adults?

[Summarize their answers.]

- ? What will it take for *you* – as their parent – *to prepare them* to know and be and do what Christ wants them to know and be and do before they leave home as young adults? That is, what must *you* know and be and do for that to happen?

(Keep in mind: the role of discipling children is primarily in the hands of the parents, not the local church (Ephesians 6:4). The local church is to come alongside the parents to help them. But it is not the church's responsibility to disciple children *for* the parents.)

[Summarize their answers.]

A Self-Exalting Life

[Have someone read pages 68-69.]

"What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?"

"Was there any information that was *confusing*?"

"Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?"

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

[Have someone read Philippians 2:4-8.]

DO NOT MERELY LOOK OUT FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. HAVE THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO, ALTHOUGH HE EXISTED IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED, BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A BOND-SERVANT, AND BEING MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLING HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. (PHILIPPIANS 2:4-8)

- ? According to this passage what did Jesus do to humble Himself? [*He led a life of obedience to God. That is, the Son of God – although equal to God the Father – did not insist upon being exalted as God but became a bondservant for the sake of others.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

- ? Why would obedience result in humility? [*As we seek to obey the Lord, we will eventually realize that we cannot do so in our own strength. We need His power to do so. It is a humbling thing to learn that we are not self-sufficient.*]

- ? How, then, do we humble ourselves before God and man? [*We, too, should be obedient to God as His bond-slaves.*]

[Summarize their answers.]

A Self-Dependent Life

[Have someone read pages **69-70**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

? How does one grow in dependence on God? *[He must really want to understand the Scriptures. He must really want his ministry to be powerful and fruitful. He must really want to be like Christ. And he will likely fail in trying to do these things in his own strength. Until he fails, he will probably continue trying to do these things in his own strength. He will continue to trust in himself. But if he fails, in time he will come to understand that he cannot be and do what he really wants to be and do without Christ.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

A HEALTHY FEAR

[Have someone read pages **71-72** and footnote **21** (page 71).]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Both believers and unbelievers are to fear the Lord.

Jesus warns the *unbeliever* to “fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).

Furthermore, the Apostle Peter warns the *believer* to “conduct yourselves in fear (of the Father) during the time of your stay on earth (1st Peter 1:17).

We would expect the unbeliever to be warned of God’s judgment. But we might be surprised that believers, too, should fear God. That seems to contradict the assurance we have from Romans 8:1:

[Have someone read Romans 8:1.]

THEREFORE THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. (ROMANS 8:1)

The idea of the word “condemnation” is punishment. Those who are in Christ Jesus are not facing the punishment of eternal death.

? So, if the believer has been delivered from death unto life, what exactly is he or she supposed to fear? *[bowing before the Lord ashamed that they had lived their lives for self rather than for Him.]*

[Summarize their answers.]

WILL THE ONE WHO LIVED FOR SELF FACE AN ETERNITY OF SORROW?

[Have someone read pages **72-73**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

? What should a believer do who realizes that he or she has not been living properly for Christ? Now what?

[Summarize their answers.]

SUMMARY

[Have someone read page **73**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

A FINAL APPEAL

[Have someone read pages **74-75**.]

“What information was the most *interesting* or *helpful* or *new* to you?”

“Was there any information that was *confusing*?”

“Was there any information that you *disagreed* with?”

[Be sure to discuss each issue that is brought up.]

Many within the Christian community are seemingly unaware of the evaluation they face after the Rapture of the Church.

? What does the Church need to do to correct this problem? *[Teach this subject to our small groups. Talk about this to our Christian friends. Preach on this subject from the pulpit. Pray that the Lord would do a work in our hearts that we would (1) crave His fellowship, (2) live for His glory, (3) obey His Word, and (4) serve Him faithfully. None of this can be done without Christ's power.]*

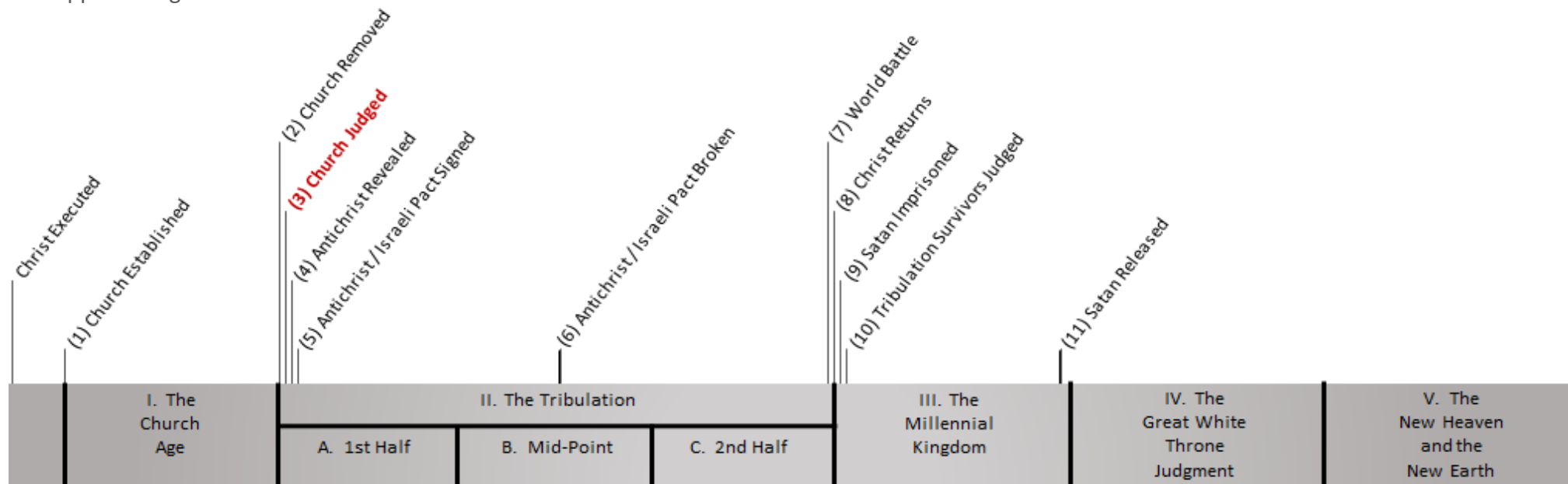
[Summarize their answers.]

The fact is, “only God can prepare us to face God.”

APPENDIX A

THE JUDGMENT SEAT

[Have someone read page 76.]



Christ Is Executed (Crucifixion):

Isaiah 53:8; **Daniel 9:25-26**; Matthew 27:33-50; Mark 9:31

I. The Church Age

- Church Is Established (Day of Pentecost):
Acts 2; 1st Corinthians 12:13
- Church Is Removed (Rapture):
1st Corinthians 15:51-53; **1st Thessalonians 4:13-17**
- Church Is Judged (Judgment Seat of Christ):**
1st Corinthians 3:8, 13-15; **2nd Corinthians 5:9-10**; Revelation 22:12

II. The Tribulation: Revelation 6-19

A. The 1st Half of the Tribulation: Matthew 24:4-14; Mark 13:5-13

- Antichrist Is Revealed:
Daniel 7:25, 8:25; **2nd Thessalonians 2:3-10**; Revelation 13:1-8
- Antichrist / Israeli Pact Is Signed:
Daniel 9:27

B. The Mid-Point of the Tribulation: Jeremiah 30:4-11; Matthew 24:15-28

- Antichrist / Israeli Pact Is Broken ("Abomination of Desolation"):
Daniel 9:27; **Matthew 24:15**; Mark 13:14; **2nd Thessalonians 2:4**

C. The 2nd Half of the Tribulation: Jeremiah 30:4-11; Matthew 24:16-28

- World Battle (Armageddon):
Joel 3:9-15; **Revelation 16:12-16**
- Christ Returns (Second Coming):
Zechariah 14:1-5; **Matthew 24:29-39**; **Revelation 19:11-21**
- Satan Is Imprisoned:
Revelation 20:1-3
- Tribulation Survivors Are Judged:
Matthew 25:31-46

III. The Millennial Kingdom: Psalm 2; Zechariah 14:16-18; Revelation 20:4-6

- Satan Is Released:
Revelation 20:7-10

IV. The Great White Throne Judgment: Revelation 20:11-15

V. The New Heaven and the New Earth: 2nd Peter 3:8-13; Revelation 21:1-22:5