

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH,  
SO HELP ME GOD  
II COR. 5:10

Introduction:

- A. Paul believed that the primary reason for man's existence was to please God. v9
    - 1. "wherefore we labour."
      - a. labour = to exert oneself from love or honour.
    - 2. "whether present or absent."
    - 3. "we may be accepted of Him."
      - a. accepted = well-pleasing.
  
  - B. But suppose we don't labor to be well pleasing?
    - 1. Does God really care?
    - 2. Will He some day know the truth?
      - a. He knows the truth now!
      - b. The judgment isn't for God's sake, but for ours. We need straightening out, not God!
  
  - C. Paul believed there would be "body" judgment.
    - 1. Spirit salvation is once and for all.
    - 2. What about things done in the body?
    - 3. More a judgment of consequences.
  
  - D. This will be a time of truth.
    - 1. There will be no lies; liars, but no lies.
    - 2. It will not be a time of explanation from men to God
- I. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST. V10
- A. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."
    - 1. "we must all" (Who?)
  
  - B. appear = phaneroo - to make manifest, to show forth.
    - 1. We must all appear in our true character.

2. The full light of truth, what we truly are.
3. v12.

C. "before the Judgment Seat of Christ."

1. judgment = bema = a step, a raised place, a raised platform from which one may speak in public, In the Roman law courts there were two, one for the plaintiff and one for the defendant. Also the elevated seat of a judge.
2. We are not plaintiffs.

D. "of Christ."

1. This is His appointed task.
2. John 5:26-27,30.
3. The church may judge now, but not then.

## II. WHY WILL THE CHRISTIAN BE JUDGED?

A. "that every one may receive the things done in the body"

1. We will receive "pay" for what we have done, "in the body."
2. Luke 12:32-49.

B. "according that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"

1. This is the immutable law of the harvest.
2. Gal. 6:7,8.

## III. PREPARATION FOR JUDGMENT.

A. v7.

B. v9.