

# Our Performance Appraisals



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# Greece

## 1. Philippi

- ◆ Lydia
- ◆ Jail
- ◆ In General
- ◆ Via Egnatia

## 2. Thessalonica

## 3. Berea

## 4. Athens

## 5. Corinth



# Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles







# Corinth

- Isthmus
- Temple of Apollo
- Body parts
- Aphrodite
- Bema
- Erastus
- Phoebe
- Mirror







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## 2. Where?

- In heaven
- 1 Thess 4:17





# 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NASB)

“Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”



# Prophecy Panorama

Messiah's Coming  
& Death



CHURCH  
AGE

Rapture



Great White  
Throne  
Judgment



Second  
Advent



Old Testament

Tribulation

Dan. 9:27  
Rev. 6-19

Kingdom

Rev. 20

Eternal  
State

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### 3. Who?

- Church Age believers
- 2 Cor 5:10



## 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”



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## 4. Why?

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## John 19:30

“Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” (NASB)



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## John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” (NASB)



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# Scripture's Four Judgments

Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	<u><a href="#">Bema Seat</a></u>	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	<u><a href="#">1 Cor 3:10-15</a></u>	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	<u><a href="#">Heaven</a></u>	Earth
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	<u><a href="#">Church Age believers</a></u>	All unsaved
When	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	<u><a href="#">After rapture</a></u>	After Millennium
Purpose	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	<u><a href="#">Reward believers</a></u>	Degree of punishment in hell
Evaluation	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	<u><a href="#">Works taken through fire</a></u>	Not in the book; judged by books

# Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Crown</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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## 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NASB)

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.<sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.<sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;<sup>27</sup> but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



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## 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NASB)

“In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”



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# Samuel Hoyt

“The Judgment Seat of Christ in Theological Perspective,”  
Part 2, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, electronic media.

“The judgment seat of Christ might be compared to a commencement ceremony. At graduation there is some measure of disappointment and remorse that one did not do better and work harder. However, at such an event the overwhelming emotion is joy, not remorse. The graduates do not leave the auditorium weeping because they did not earn better grades. Rather, they are thankful that they have been graduated, and they are grateful for what they did achieve. To overdo the sorrow aspect of the judgment seat of Christ is to make heaven hell. To under do the sorrow aspect is to make faithfulness inconsequential” (underlining mine).

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## Galatians 3:3 (NASB)

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



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