**There is a Day Coming**

Excerpt from Arlen Chitwood's *Judgment Seat of Christ*

There is a day coming when every Christian will *render an account to his Lord*, and the present day is *the time of preparation for that coming day*. The present day is the time when the Lord’s servants are in possession of the various talents; and the present day is the time when a work is being performed in the lives of Christians that is connected with maturity in the faith, the proper use of the talents entrusted to them, etc. This day though will last only as long as God’s Son remains in the “*far country*.”

One day Christ will receive the kingdom from His Father and then return to reckon with His servants.

This will be an *individual reckoning* — “. . . *we must all appear* . . . *that every one may receive* . . . .”

And this reckoning will be based strictly on *each servant*’*s use of the talent/talents entrusted to his care during the time of his Lord*’*s absence*.

This is exactly what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he sought *to warn* “*every man*,” and *teach* “*every man* *in all wisdom*,” in order that he might *present* “*every man perfect* [*mature*, *complete*] *in Christ Jesus*” (Colossians 1:28). The *warning* that Paul sounded had to do with the coming time of evaluation at the judgment seat. His message along this line was really threefold:

1)A present preparation.

2)A preparation with a view to a coming evaluation.

3)And a preparation and evaluation with a view to the kingdom to follow.

The reference to “*the hope of glory*” in Colossians 1:27, leading into Paul’s ministry in Colossians 1:28, has to do with that hope that Christians possess of one day occupying positions as co-heirs with Christ in the kingdom. This is referred to elsewhere in Scripture different ways, *e.g*., “*that blessed hope*” (Titus 2:13), “*the hope set before us* . . . *as an anchor of the soul*” (**Hebrews 6:18-19**), and “*the hope that is in you*” (1 Peter 3:15). Paul, above everything else, did not want any Christian within the scope of his ministry to experience rejection/disapproval when he appeared in Christ’s presence at His judgment seat (Colossians 1:28-29).

Issues of the judgment seat, *in every instance*, will result *in a just recompense*. *Every Christian will receive exactly what he deserves* — reward, or chastisement — in complete accordance with revealed faithfulness or unfaithfulness in carrying out or failing to carry out that portion of the Lord’s business which had been entrusted to him.

And this will be with a view to occupying or being denied positions of power and authority in the kingdom that will follow.

[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Judgment Seat of Christ, Ch. 16, There is a Day Coming](http://bibleone.net/JSC16.htm)

**The following is an excerpt from Arlen Chitwood's The Whole Armor of Christ in this site.**

“*And take the helmet of salvation* . . . .” (Ephesians 6:17a).

1 Thessalonians 5:8 reveals that this helmet is the “*hope of salvation*.” This is the salvation to be revealed (salvation of the soul) at the time Christ returns. The hope set before Christians is the hope of occupying a position with Christ in His coming kingdom. There is no other doctrine in the Word of God that will inspire and encourage a Christian more in the present conflict against Satan and his demons than the doctrine of “*that blessed hope*” (Titus 2:12-13; cf. Colossians 1:5, 27; Titus 1:2; 3:7; **Hebrews** 3:6; **6:18**).

[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Judgment Seat of Christ, Ch. 4, The Whole Armor of God](http://bibleone.net/JSC04.htm)