**If one believes:**

**“Once Saved, Always Saved,” the “Rapture” and the “Judgment Seat,”**

**“What” is Christ going to judge at the “Judgment Seat”?**

**He’s not going to judge whether we spend eternity in heaven**

 **– that was a “given” by grace the moment we believed.**

**The answer:**

**He’s going to judge the Works produced through us**

**by the Holy Spirit versus the works produced through us by “self.”**

**Gold, Silver, Precious Stones vs. Wood, Hay, Stubble**

**Works**

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**Conclusion**

The Bible teaches that works, of any type, have nothing to do with the eternal salvation of a person, unless of course one interprets the placement of faith in Christ as a “work.” It is only *by faith alone in Christ alone* that a person can be saved. Let there be no doubt in this, the most important doctrine affecting the relationship between God and man.

On the other hand, the proper kinds of work are important to a person after he has been saved. *Human good* (works) is as filthy rags before God ([Isaiah 64:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+64.6&t=NKJV)). But *divine good* (works), which can only be produced as a Christian submits to the power of the Holy Spirit (also known as the “fullness of the Spirit”), both pleases God and profits the Christian. When this occurs, a person’s word (testimony) will be in harmony with his works ([Matthew 23:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+23.3&t=NKJV); [Luke 24:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.19&t=NKJV); [Acts 7:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+7.22&t=NKJV); [Romans 15:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+15.18&t=NKJV); [2 Corinthians 10:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV); [Colossians 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.17&t=NKJV); [Titus 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Titus+1.16&t=NKJV); [2 Thessalonians 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+2.17&t=NKJV); [James 1:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.25&t=NKJV)).

To the lost, all good works are of *human good*. The day will come, should the lost person never accept by faith Christ as Savior, that at the Great White Throne Judgment he will be judged by Christ according to his works. But the judgment will find his record of works, no matter how many, insufficient for entrance into heaven. God will then check to see if his name is written in the Book of Life. Once it is established that his name is not there, he will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. If a lost person’s (human good) works will mean anything, it may mean he will experience some lesser agony in the Lake of Fire than someone who has less or no (human good) works ([Revelation 20:11-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+20.11-14&t=NKJV)).

And the day will come for the Christian when before Christ he too will be judged according to his works, not for entrance into heaven but for any rewards due him. If the works are of *human good* (wood, hay, straw), they will be burned, yet, he will be saved. But if the works are of *divine good* (gold, silver and precious stones), the Christian will receive rewards.

So whereas works cannot affect salvation, they indeed do matter to the child of God. So to the lost this commentator pleads, “Do not think that by your merit or good works you can receive God’s gift of eternal life. It is a gift of grace from God that may only be obtained by *faith alone* *in Christ alone*.” And to the believer in Christ this commentator adds, “Be certain that you confess all known sin in your life ([1 John 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+1.9&t=NKJV)) and be submissive to the Holy Spirit by trusting Jesus Christ to live through you ([Colossians 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+2.6&t=NKJV)). Only in this manner will you be able to produce any (*divine good*) works during your remaining time on earth.