

PREPARING FOR ETERNITY
(Making Eternal Decisions)
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What we do with the cross determines where we will spend eternity; however, the way we live as believers determines how we will live in the forever.

2 Corinthians 5:10 AMPC

For we must all appear and be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil [*considering what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has achieved, been busy with, and given himself and his attention to accomplishing*].

KJV - according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Passion - each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless.

Evil - Greek word *kakós* - defined as *"pertaining to being bad quality, worthless, with the implication of harmful and damaging"* and to *"recede, retire, retreat in battle."*

Paul clearly identifies our assignments:

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them*"

Passion - ...a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even *before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!*

1 Corinthians 3:10

"Whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful"

Passion - God has given me unique gifts as a skilled master builder who lays a good foundation. Afterward another craftsman comes and builds on it. So, builders beware! Let every builder do his work carefully, according to God's standards.

1 Corinthians 3:12–14-NIV

11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw.

13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

There are two things to note:

First: Our achievements will include how we influenced others' lives, along with how we used our God-given talents to build His kingdom.

Second: Our eternal reward will determine our eternal position in His kingdom.

1 Corinthians 3:15

But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

Wuest - Assuming that the work of anyone will be burned up, he will incur a loss, but he himself shall be saved, but being saved thus, it will be as escaping destruction in the midst of the fire which burns up his works.

Keep in mind this intense loss will not only be felt at the judgment but will also affect how we live forever.