

LESSON 6 // HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR DAY IN COURT

Big Idea: The Bible declares that we will all give account of our lives to God when this world as we know it ends. So it's vitally important to understand the following as you prepare for that day in His court.

God sees and knows everything about you. He knows you're not good enough to earn your way into heaven—that you must accept this as a gift from Him by faith in Jesus. After receiving this gift of Christ as Savior, you're called to faithfully live for Him and do His work in the world. All believers will stand before Jesus one day and give an account of their actions, attitudes, thoughts, motives and words, so you need to ready. On that day, whatever your eternal rewards might be, they will be turned into the praise of Jesus, the only worthy One!

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

Start Talking:

What comes to mind when you think of God as the Judge of all people? How can we reconcile this with the truth that the Lord is loving and gracious?

Start Thinking:

Read Hebrews 4:13. What does it mean that “we must give account” to God? How does this challenge and encourage you?

Read Romans 5:8 and Romans 10:9-10. According to these verses, who and what do you put your faith in and believe to be saved? Why is it impossible to earn your salvation?

Read Ephesians 2:10 and Titus 3:8. What role do good works play in your life as a believer in Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. What are some of the ways you can prepare now for the time when you will be at the “judgment seat of Christ” described in this verse?

Start Praying:

Pray that the vision of giving account to God for your life will have a positive, God-honoring impact on everything you think, say and do.

Start Doing:

Review the following “how to get ready” list and focus on one item you need to work on in your daily walk with the Lord. What practical step can you take this week to move forward in this area?

Be a growing Christ-follower. Keep a clean record with God. Serve God with your abilities. Mend broken relationships quickly. Release offenses toward others. Invest in the advance of God's Kingdom and the work of His Church. Be a witness of Jesus to the world. Live with heavenly values and priorities.

