

We are both part of the building and we are part of the workers. Now the passage ends with the statement that the judgment will come and that we must receive the judgment for the work that we have done. There is a parallel in 2 Cor. 5:10, where we find the statement: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body whether they be good or bad." I believe it's very important that we study the Scripture carefully to see exactly what it says, what it teaches. That we also beware of teaching theories that are not clearly taught in Scripture. Building theories not clearly taught in Scripture.

It's so we want to make a complete system. We want to make everything fit together and understand every little detail of it. It is very interesting to do and the unthinking mob will take what we say and say, That's the truth. But if we say, This I know and this I'm not sure of the unthinking person may feel we're not very dependable. But those who are to be leaders among God's people need to take that attitude, of seeing what is clearly taught and standing upon it.

I know there are Bible teachers who say, There is the judgment seat of Christ where He will examine our deeds, but we must never be judged for sin. That has already been done through Christ. That is true. On the other hand it is said here we must appear before the judgment seat in order to deal with the things done in the body whether good or bad. Of course, you may say this word "bad" means whether they were effective or not. But the Greek word-- some MSS have kopos and others phaulos--both of these words are used to describe the very worst evil. They are used to describe that which God punishes, with everlasting destruction.

So I believe we cannot lay out in exact detail what is this way, this way, this way--these people come into judgment for their sins, and these people don't have to discuss what they have done. I believe we have to leave much of that detail in God's hands. But I believe it's important we realize that whether there is a literal                      in a judgment like that, or whether there is something that carries out the ideas of judgment                      that there are two very important aspects: there is the aspect of being judged for sin, and there is the aspect of being judged for our works.

When it comes to sin, there we recognize the beginning of v. 11 that no one can lay any other foundation than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ. No one can lay any other foundation. He calls attention to this foundation. And everyone of us must appear before Christ. We must appear there to answer for the things done in the body, and perhaps Satan will appear to testify against us. But whether he does or not, the fact is                      You appear before Christ and Satan says, Yes, but look at the lies this man told; look at the evil he's done. Look at the wickedness he's permitted." You say, Yes, that I did before I took Christ. He says, Yes but look at what you did after you were saved! Did you live a perfect life after you were saved? Did you not commit sin? Did you not show selfishness? Did you not show unChristian attitudes? Are you not guilty of evil before God? And you will answer, That Jesus Christ took upon Himself when He died upon Calvary's cross.