

Joint Heirs  
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**“We must make sure we are not only understood  
But that we are not misunderstood”**

Quintilian

I have been asked some questions regarding the concepts from last week. Let me see if I can answer a few. First, some review. Remember: John 3:16 and Eph. 2:8-9 is not Luke 14:25-35! (Justification and Sanctification)

Cultural Context of Bema

OT Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Psalm 62 Prov. 24

NT Jesus before Pilate and Paul before Festus

Christian Concept of Bema

I Cor. 3:10-15

2 Cor. 5:9-20

Rom. 14:10

Commencement and Contestants at the Bema

When?

Where?

Who?

Conduct in Question at the Bema

Self disciplined life

Stewardship of life

Service for Christ: Selfless-Sacrificial- Suffering

Consequences

Commendation- Well done, Lk. 19:17 Praise 1 Cor. 4:4, Honor I Peter 1:7-9

Condemnation- Shame I John 2:28, I Cor. 3:15, Mk 8:38, Loss of reward 2 Jo 8

A Persons Legacy Impacts a Persons Inheritance

Passive-Positional Eph 1, Col 1:12

Active- Conditional Eph. 6, Col. 3:24, I Cor. 6, Gal 5

Both- Rom. 8:17 Heirs & Co heirs Double Portion- First Born Son: OT and NT

Conclusion:

The bema is based on a historical context of judgment. For the Christian there is no fear of judgment in terms of our eternal life (John 5:24, Eph. 2:8-9, Gal. 2:16) However, there is the fact that one day we will all stand before the Lord of Glory and give an account of the stewardship of our life. It is easy to sing in the choir of life and fake it. But one day we will all have to sing solo before the Lord.

### **Questions Regarding the Concept of REWARD**

1. If Christ paid for my sin then why the issue of reward? Consequences i.e. David. Jesus said to store up treasure in heaven. Matt. 5:12, 6:1,2,4,5,6,16,18,19-21, 24,33
2. Is the bema seat only positive or is there danger and damage? I Cor. 9:24-27, I Jo 2:28, 2 John 8, John 15:6
3. What will I do with my reward? What is the benefit? Rev 2:24, 22:12, I Cor. 6:3
4. How does this fit with Eph. 2:8-10? Don't all Christians do good work? John 15:6, I Cor. 3:15, 2 John 8
5. Don't all Christians endure or persevere to the end in good works? God preserves all believers to heaven- ET security but we can fall and fail in this life. Acts 5, Ananias, II Tim 4 Demas, Paul's fear I Cor. 9:24-27, I Cor. 11:30, Johns warning of sin unto death I John 5.
6. Will I be sad in heaven if I have less than others? No more tears? Et State

### **How should we then live?**

By the Power of the Holy Spirit with a Heavenly Outlook and Holy Conduct!

Walk by the Spirit Gal. 5, Rom 6:12-13, 13:14

Walk according to the Spirit. Rom. 8

Live in light of the eternal future. Heb. 2:5-8

Live in spite of suffering. Rom 8:18, 2 Cor. 4:17

Believe in the invisible and the inevitable. Heb. 11:24-28

Run the Race set before you! Heb. 12:1-3

Rule and Reign in the future unshakable kingdom of Jesus the Christ Heb. 12:28  
He is the inheritor of all things and he is to share His ruler-ship of all creation with us! Heb. 1:2, 2:5, 12:28