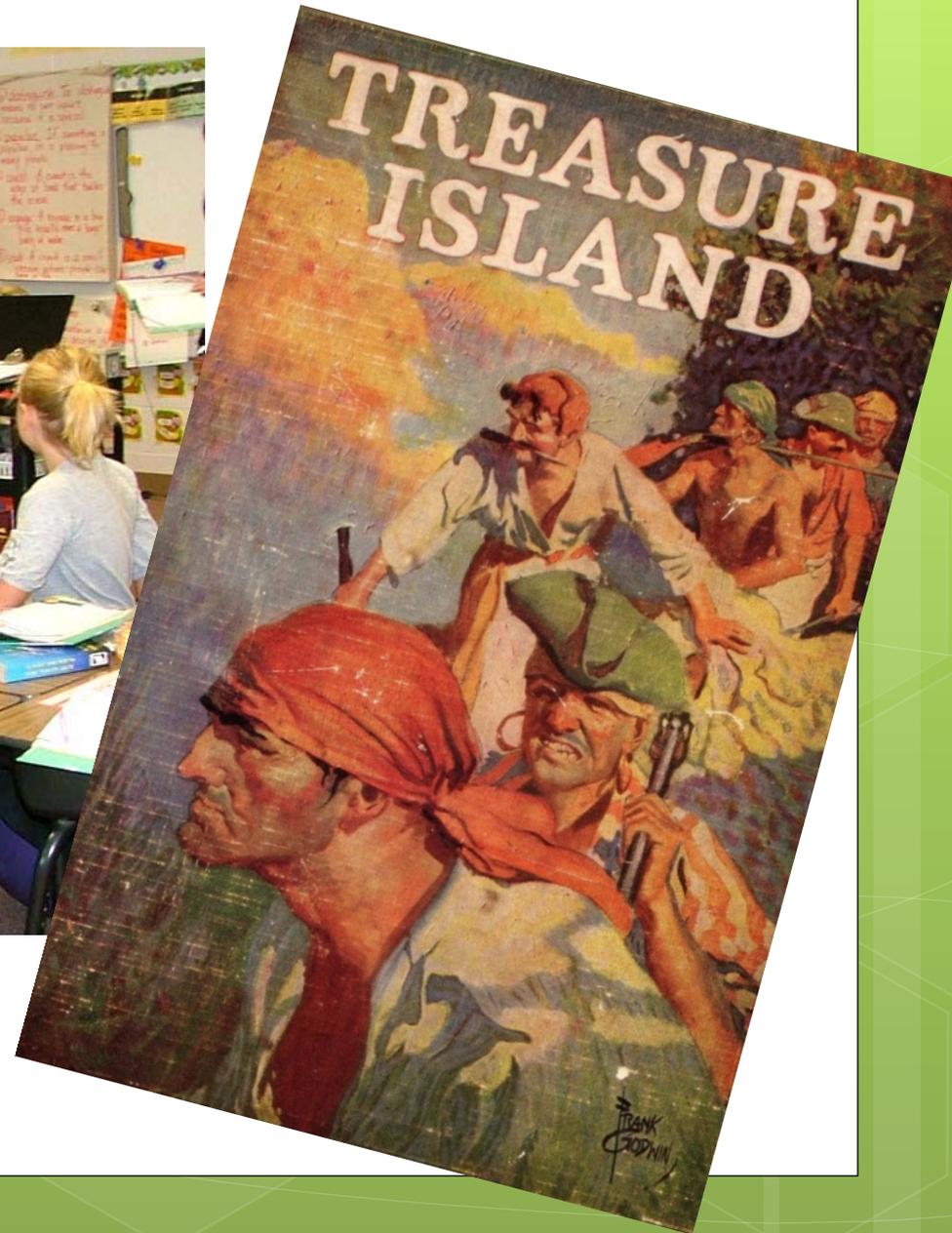


Judgment Day Under Grace





Martin Luther used to say that he had only TWO days on his calendar: TODAY and “THAT DAY”—the day when we will stand before the Lord on judgment day.

Judgments to Come

Judgment of Israel

Takes place before the Millennial Kingdom, where believers and unbelievers are separated, and believers are given positions within the earthly kingdom.



Matthew 24:31 says,
“He [Christ] shall
send His angels with
a great sound of a
trumpet, and they
shall gather together
His elect [Israel]
from the four winds,
from one end of
heaven to the other.”





THE
MILLENNIUM
CHRIST'S RULE ON EARTH

Ezek. 36:24-28: “For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness...

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.”



“I will therefore put you in remembrance...how that the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not” (Judges 1:5).

Luke 19:12-13: “He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for Himself a kingdom, and to return.

“And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.



Luke 19:15-19 “And it came to pass, that when He was returned, having received the kingdom, then He commanded these servants to be called unto Him, to whom He had given the money, that He might know how much every man had gained by trading.

“Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And He said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, **have thou authority over ten cities.**

“And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And He said likewise to him, **Be thou also over five cities.**”





Luke 19:20-24: “And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: “For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

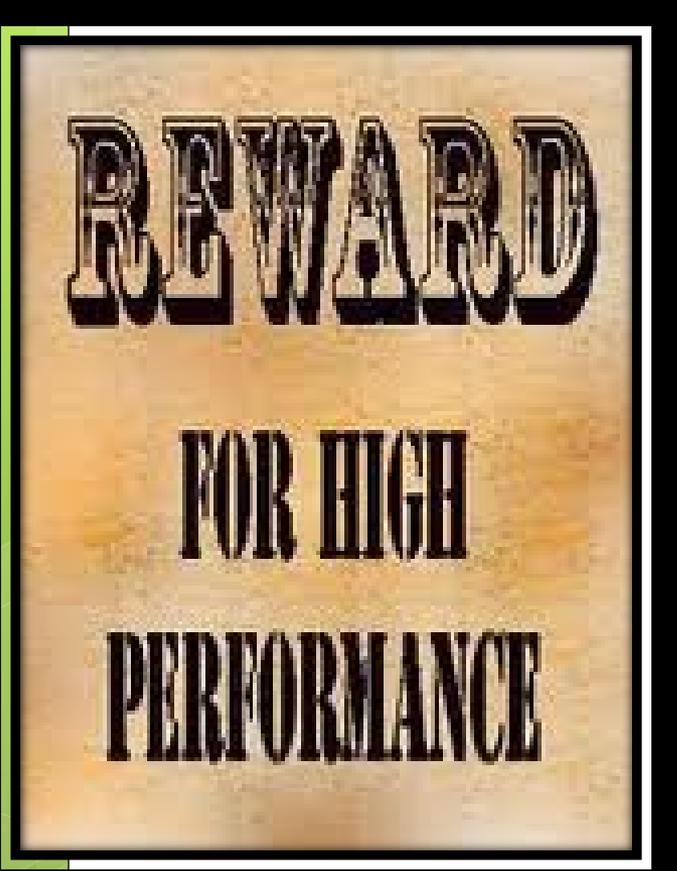
“And He saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant...And He said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.”

Christ will award positions in the government of the kingdom to faithful Jews, and they'll be given authority over actual cities.





Matthew 19:28 the Lord told the disciples of their reward and exalted positions in the kingdom on earth: “Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”



REWARD

FOR HIGH

PERFORMANCE

In Matthew 16:27 the Lord speaks of His judgment after the Second Coming: “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father... **and then He shall reward every man according to his works.**”

In Luke 6:35 the Lord says, “Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; **and your reward shall be great.**”

JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS



“Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom... For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink... Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matt. 25:35-40).

JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS

“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire...For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink... naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me” (Matt. 25:41-45).





Great White Throne

The final judgment for only unbelievers of all ages where they face their doom and are judged according to their works and cast into the lake of fire.





The throne is “great” because the throne exudes power, and it will be a huge, intimidating scene. And it is “great” because of the great, eternal issues involved.

It is a “white” throne, signifying glory, purity and holiness.



“Him that sat on it” is absolutely the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 5:22, we are told “...the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”



The books of the Bible are the righteous standard by which all the lost will one day be judged. From it they will see how sinful they are, how holy God is, and how sin must be judged and that because they rejected God's salvation they must face eternal punishment.



“And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.”



Judgments to Come

Judgment Seat of Christ

A judgment only for the Church, the Body of Christ after the Rapture.

At this judgment, the Body of Christ will stand individually before God to have their service judged and rewarded.



“We must **ALL**
appear before the
Judgment Seat.”





Romans 14:10,12 says "We [the Body] shall ALL stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ...EVERY ONE OF US shall give account of himself to God."

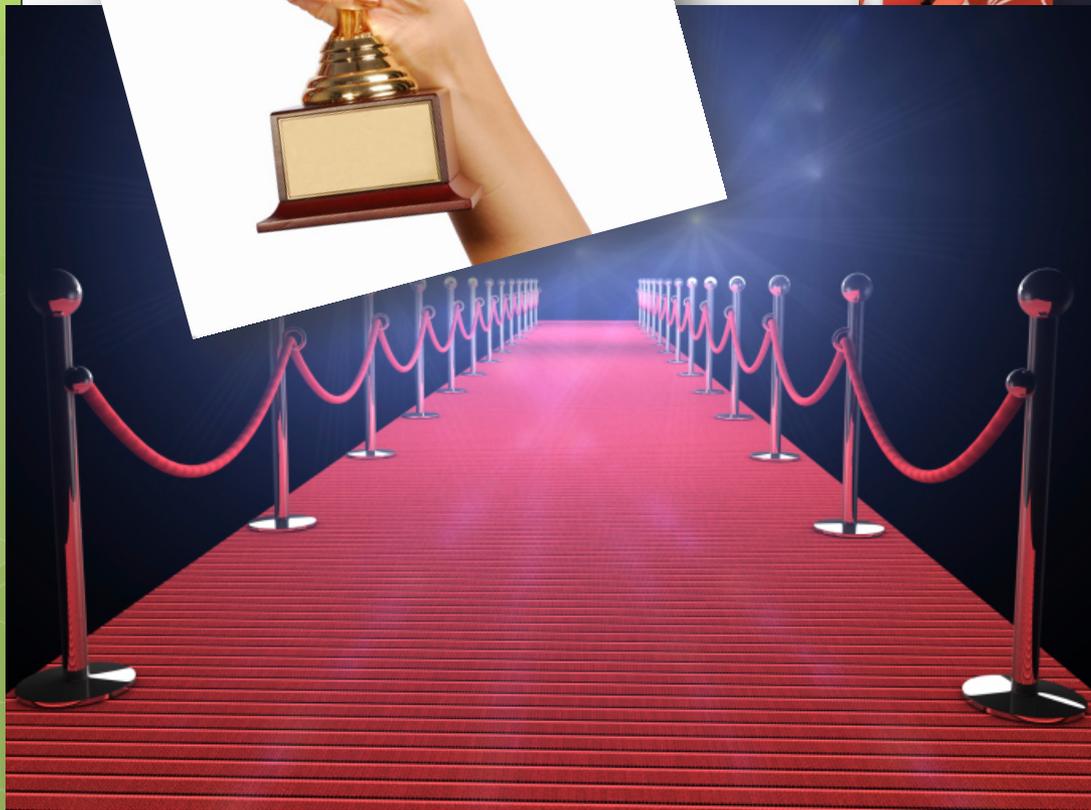
We serve God, by serving others



The Body of Christ is judged for is the “things done” in our bodies, the things we have done. It’s a judgment of the entire Christian life. We’re not judged for what was done before we were saved, but for our service and life and conduct and what was done after we were saved.



This judgment does not determine whether or not we gain entrance into heaven. There is no concern about the believer's eternal destiny. We are in Christ, and in Christ we are sealed, safe, and secure for eternity. We are "accepted in the Beloved" and saved forever.





I Corinthians 4:5 says, “Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”



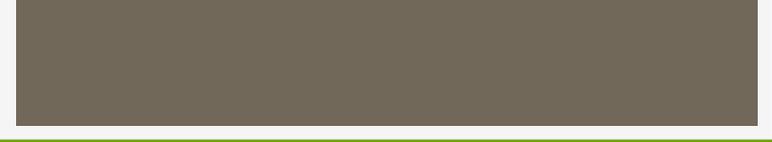
Colossians 3:24,25 says, “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance.”

“Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things...they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (I Cor. 9:25).

“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing” (II Tim. 4:8).



“No good thing
done in His
name and for
His glory can
pass His notice
or fail to receive
His blessing.”



GRACE

IMMERSION

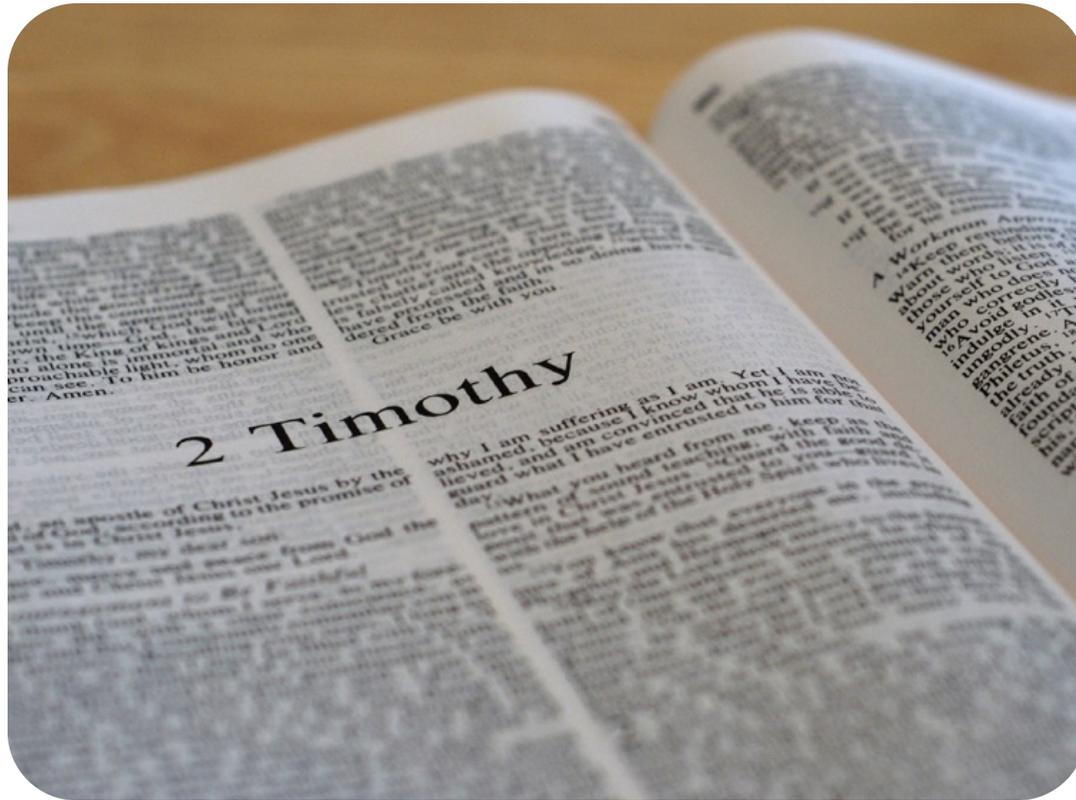
God does the work through us and we receive the reward! That's grace!



There is a reason why the Lord waits to judge us and why He doesn't just judge us immediately when we get to glory: because often the impact of our lives and our influence and our service goes on and on and on...

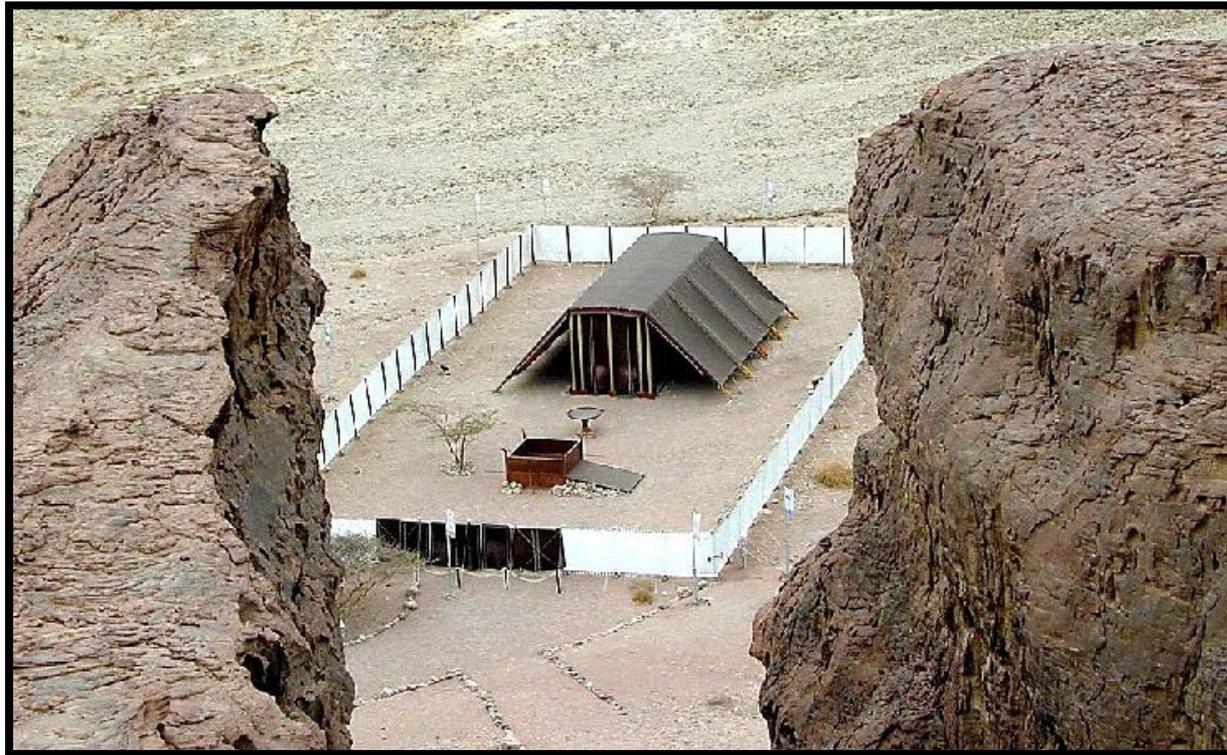
I Cor. 15:41,42a says, “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.”



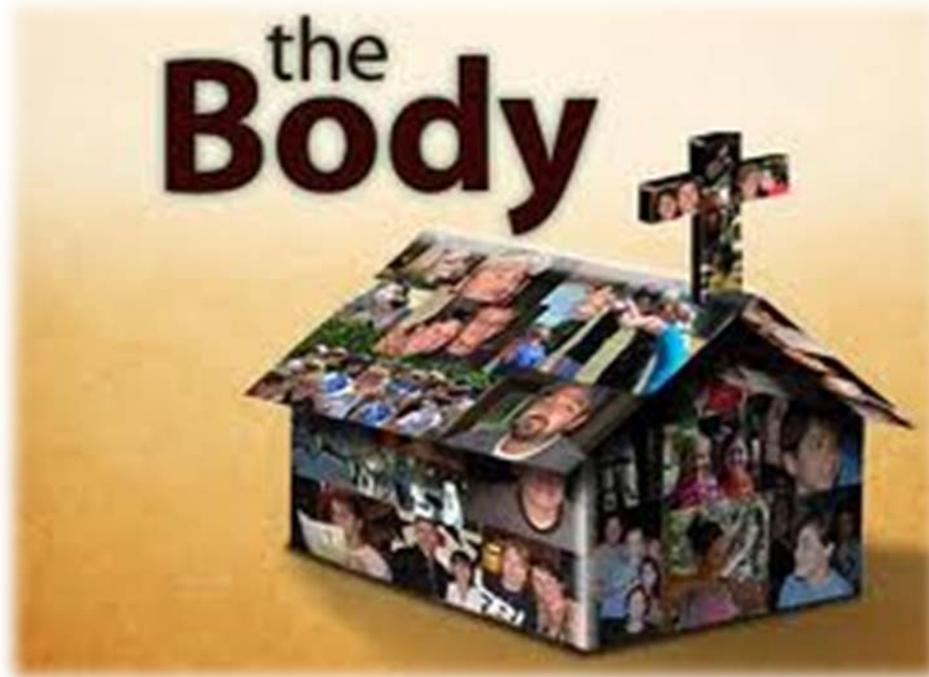


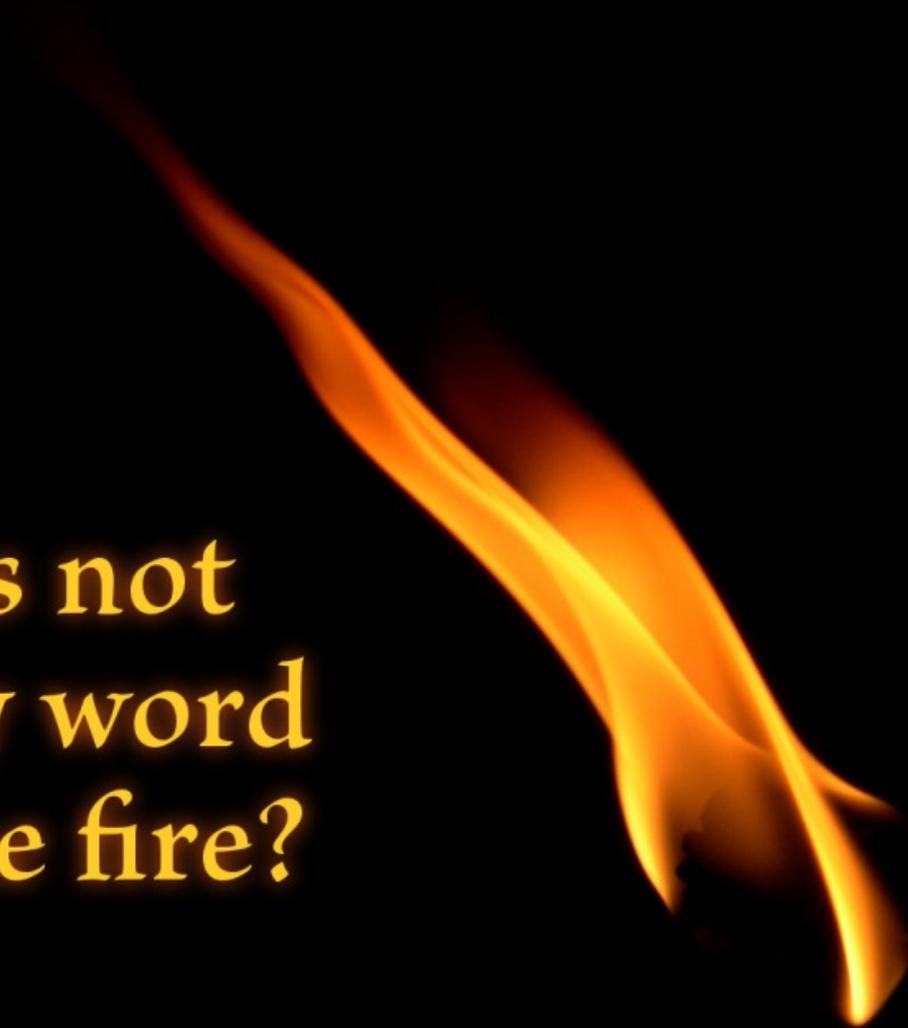
II Tim. 2:12 says, “If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him, if we deny Him, He also will deny us.”

Moses was the master-builder of the Old Testament tabernacle. God gave him the plans and specifications, saying, “*See... that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount*” (Heb. 8:5).



As Moses represented the Law, so Paul represents grace, as to Paul God gave, by special revelation, the plans and specifications for the building of the Church under grace, “the Body of Christ.”





Is not
my word
like fire?

Jeremiah 23:29

If we lived, worked and served according to the law, making known a wrong or mixed gospel for today, and tried to live by instruction meant for a different time, people, dispensation, our work will be “wood, hay, stubble” and will be burnt up, and we’ll suffer loss.



If we work and serve according to grace, making known the gospel of pure grace, and live by God's instruction for today under grace, knowing and growing in Christ's heavenly ministry and standing for all this, this is in God's eyes, "gold, silver, precious stones" and we'll be rewarded for it.

