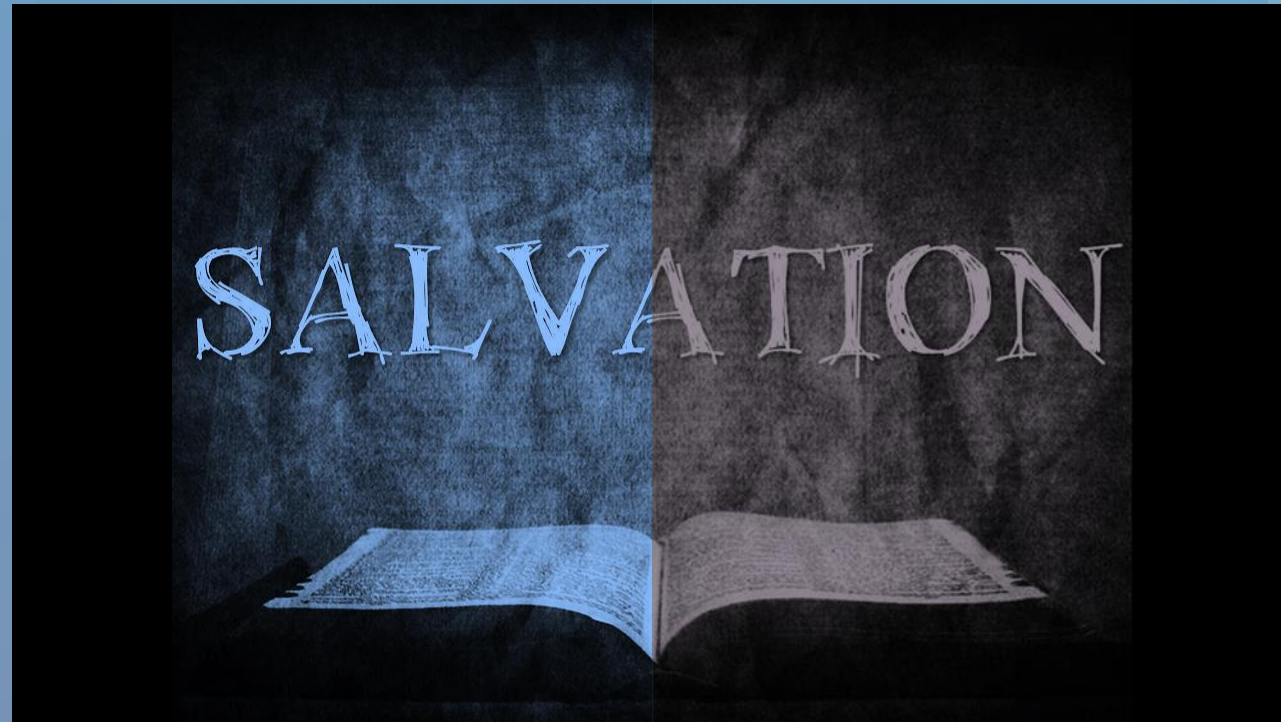


# Questions of Salvation



# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?

# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup> For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,  
<sup>9</sup> **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



# If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
  - Eternal Life
  - All Spiritual blessings
  - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
  - Works
  - The Law

If we are Saved  
through Faith...



- What else is included?
  - Trust
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Baptism

If we are Saved  
through Faith...



- What is included?
  - Trust
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Baptism
- What is excluded?
  - Works?

# What about James?

## ▶ James 2:14-18

<sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father **justified by works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that **faith was active** along with his **works**, and **faith was completed** by his **works**; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham **believed** God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is **justified by works and not by faith alone...**

<sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also **faith apart from works is dead.**

▶ What is James’ point?

▶ A live (real) faith produces good works.

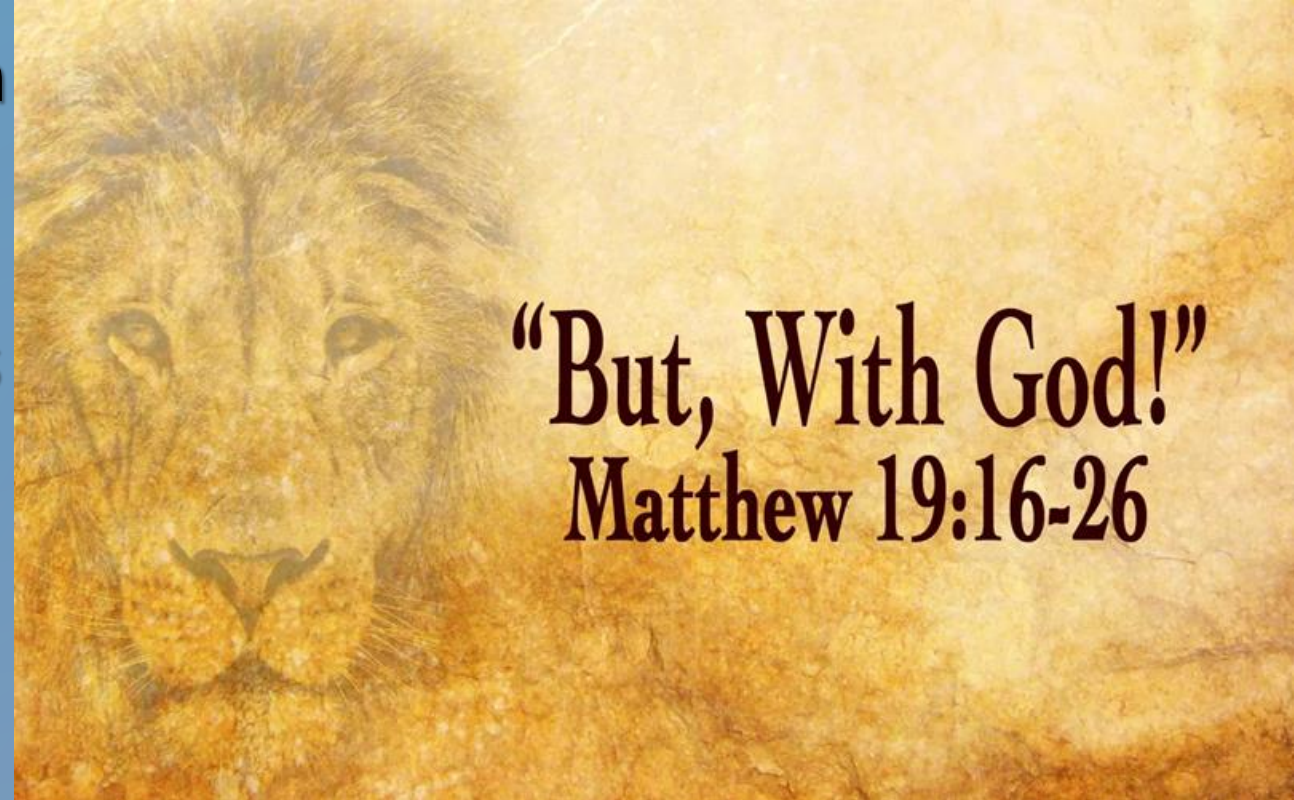


**TRUE  
FAITH  
WORKS**

JAMES 2:14-26

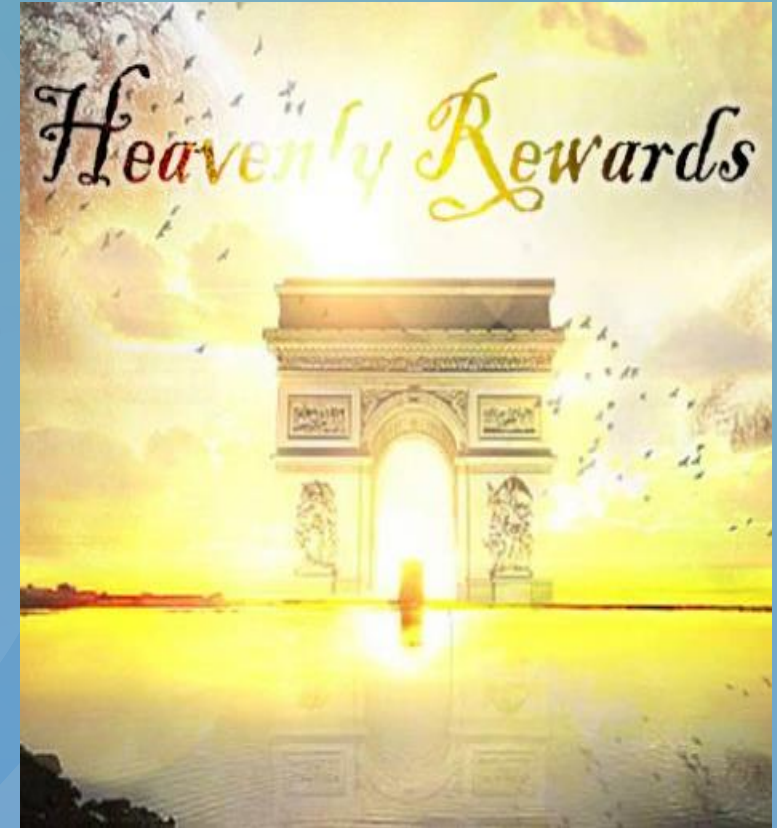
# What about The Rich Man Ruler in Matt. 19?

- ▶ What is the point of what Jesus said to the rich young man?
  - ▶ You must be **perfect** to earn eternal life based on **good works**.
- ▶ What is the point of what Jesus said to the disciples?
  - ▶ It is **impossible** to earn **salvation**; eternal life has to come from God as a **free gift**. It can't be earned by **good works**.



# What about The Rich Man Ruler in Matt. 19?

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have **left everything** and followed you. What then will we have?” <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will **receive a hundredfold** and will **inherit eternal life**. <sup>30</sup> But many who are **first** will be last, and the **last** first.



# Are There Rewards In Heaven?

- ▶ What was Peter asking Jesus about?
- ▶ What did Jesus say the disciples will get for leaving everything behind?
- ▶ Is salvation part of the reward?
- ▶ What does it mean “The first will be last and the last will be first”?
- ▶ What will be the basis of the rewards?
- ▶ Will everyone get the same reward?



# What Will Be the Basis of Rewards?

## ▶ 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will **receive his wages according to his labor.** <sup>9</sup> For we are God's **fellow workers.** You are God's field, **God's building**



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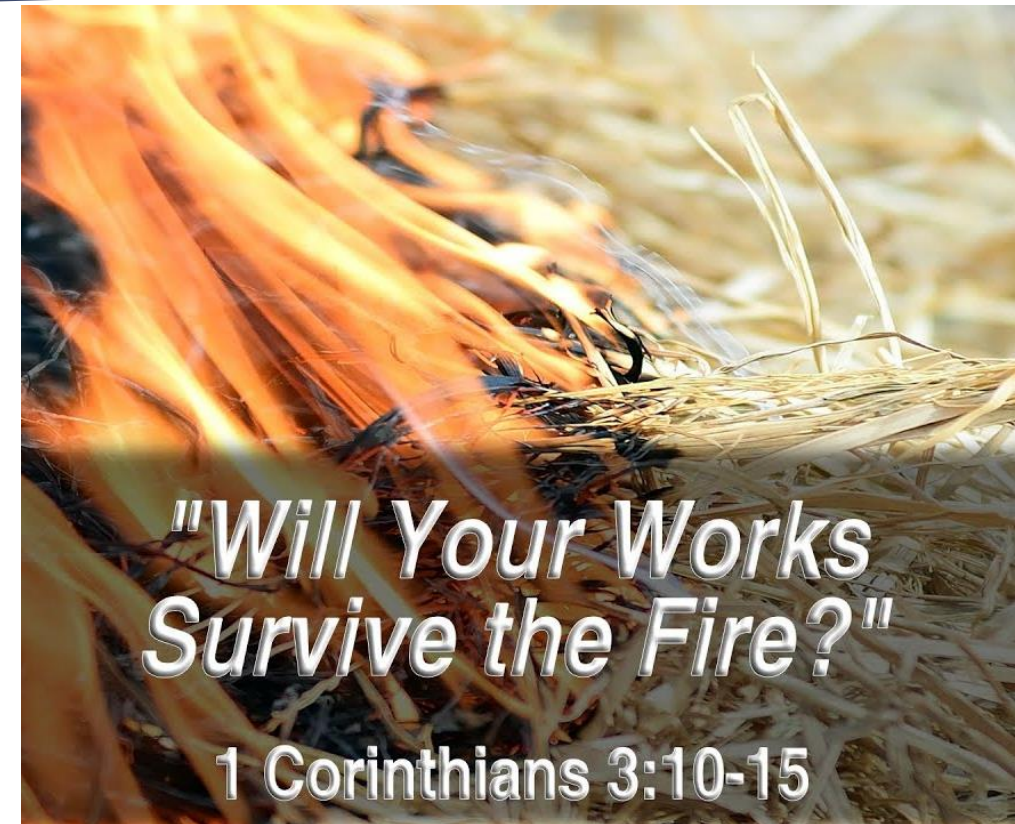
# What Will Be the Basis of Rewards?

## ▶ 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. **Let each one take care how he builds upon it.** <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw**— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be **revealed by fire**, and the fire will test what **sort of work** each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the **work** that anyone has built on the foundation **survives**, he will receive a **reward**. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is **burned up**, he will **suffer loss**, though he himself **will be saved**, but only **as through fire**.

# What Will Be the Basis of Rewards?

- ▶ What work builds on God's building?
- ▶ Are there different qualities of work?
- ▶ How is the quality of work tested?
- ▶ Why would your work burn up?
- ▶ If your work is burned up, can you still be saved? Why?
- ▶ What happens to your reward?



# What Other Scriptures Indicate Rewards In Heaven?

## ▶ Matthew 5:11-12

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward is great in heaven**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



# What Other Scriptures Indicate Rewards In Heaven?

## ▶ Matthew 6:17-19

But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will **reward you**. <sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your **treasure** is, there your heart will be also.



# What Other Scriptures Indicate Rewards In Heaven?

## ► Matthew 10:41-42

41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a **prophet's reward**, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a **righteous person's reward**. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his **reward**."



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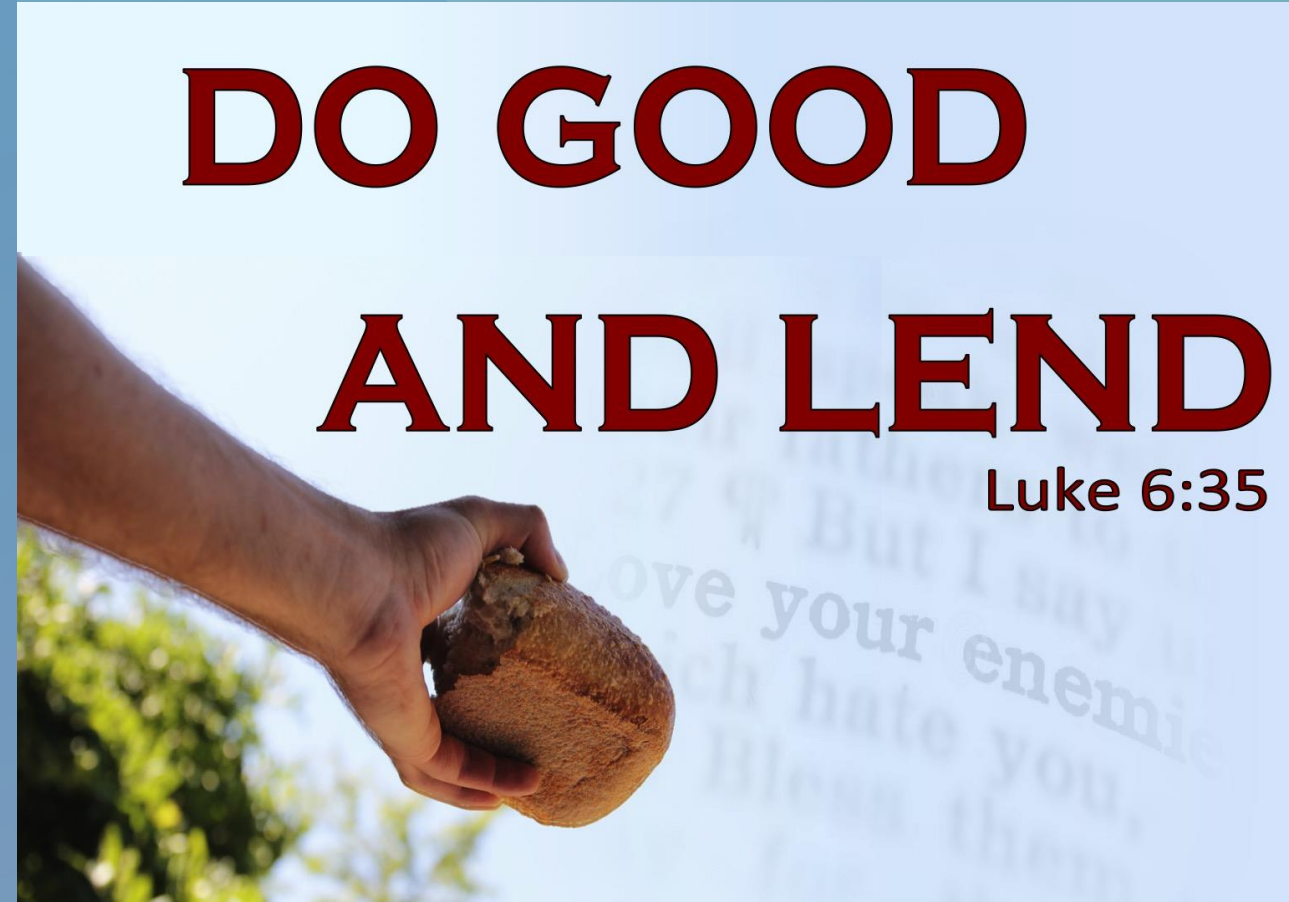
## ▶ Luke 6:35-36

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your **reward will be great**, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

# DO GOOD

# AND LEND

Luke 6:35

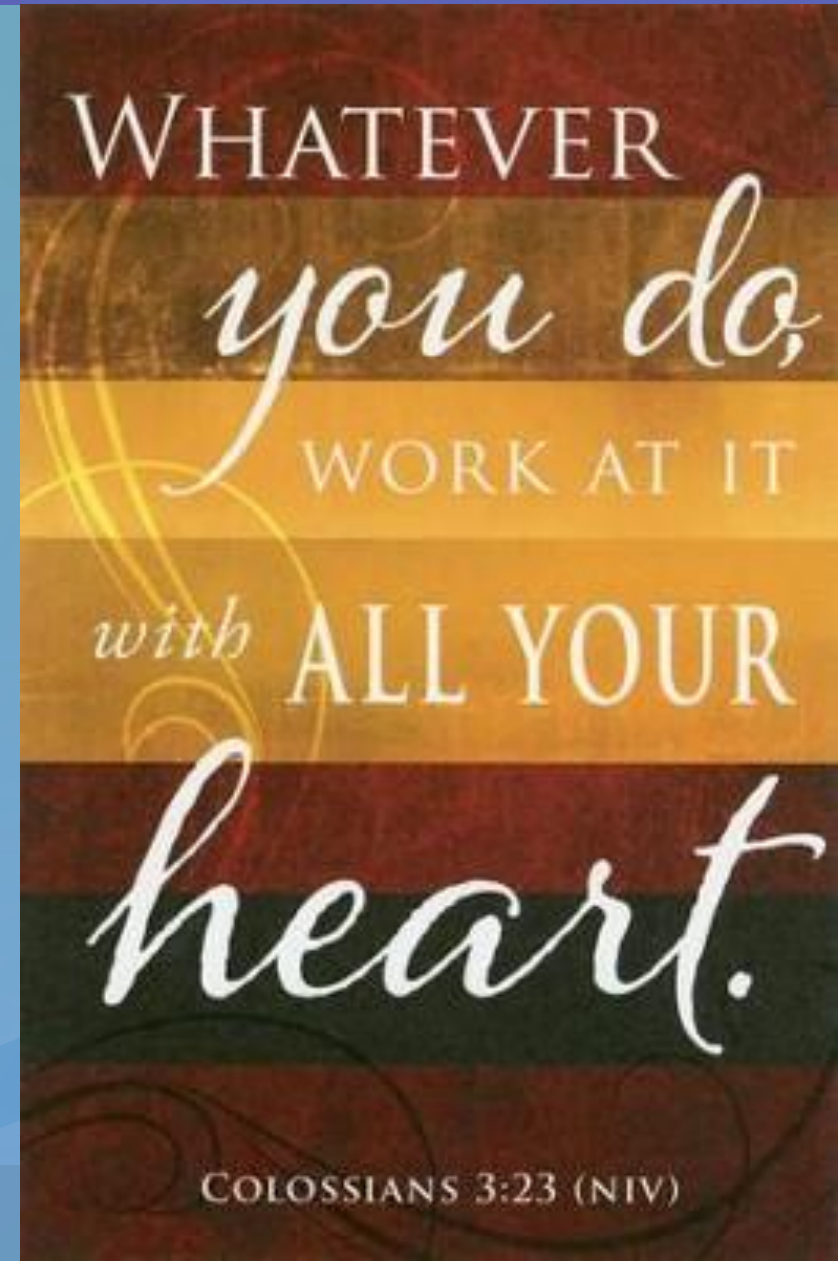


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## ► Colossians 3:23-24

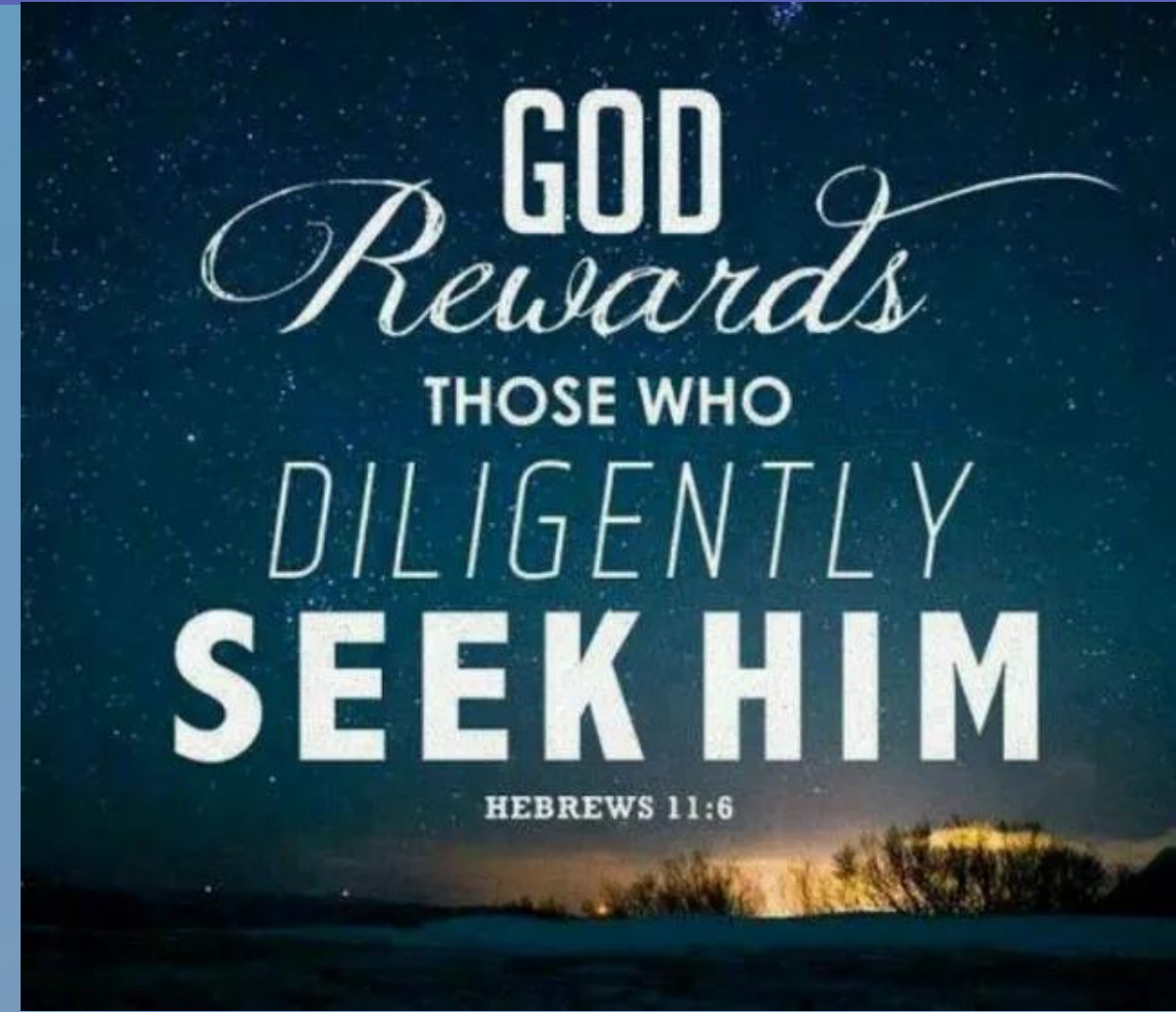
<sup>23</sup> In all the **work** you are doing, work the best you can. **Work** as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. <sup>24</sup>

Remember that you will **receive your reward** from the Lord, which he **promised to his people**. You are serving the Lord Christ. (NCV)



# What Other Scriptures Indicate Rewards In Heaven?

- ▶ Hebrews 11:6  
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he **rewards** those who seek him.



# What Other Scriptures Indicate Rewards In Heaven?

- ▶ Revelation 22:12  
“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”



# What Kind of Rewards ?

- ▶ Incorruptible Crown – 1 Corth. 9:25

“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a **crown that will last forever.**”

- ▶ Crown of Righteousness – 2 Tim. 4:8

“Now there is in store for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

- ▶ Crown of Glory– 1 Pet. 5:4

“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading **crown of glory.**”

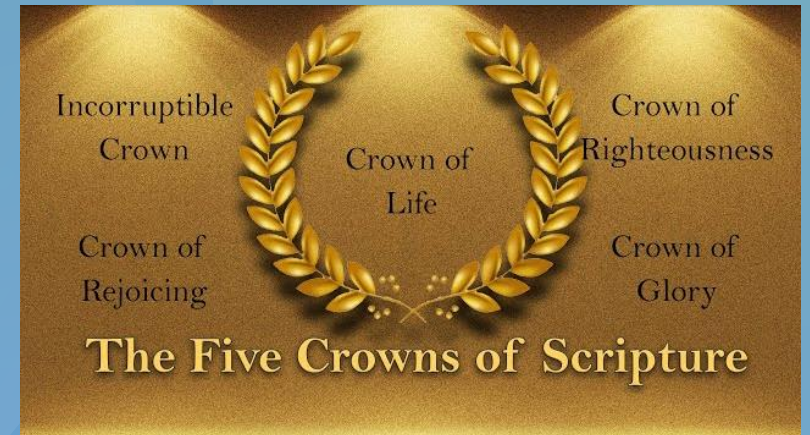
- ▶ Crown of Rejoicing– 1 Thess. 2:19 (NKJV)

“For what is our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing?**

Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?”

- ▶ Crown of Life– James 1:12; Rev. 2:10

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the **crown of life** that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”



# What Will We Do With Our Crowns?

## ► Revelation 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and **cast their crowns** before the throne, saying:

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor  
and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist  
and were created.”





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