

Food for thought before the service

There is a sense in which everyone without exception will stand before the risen Christ - Gallio and Pontius Pilate included - but here (in 2 Corinthians 5:10) Paul's main concern was not with the general judgement of all mankind but with the accountability of Christians. Here is a sobering reminder to all believers that our actions matter. The '*things done in the body*' will never contribute a single ounce to our salvation, but they will show just what my claim to be a saved man is worth.

— J Philip Arthur *Strength in Weakness* (Welwyn Commentary on 2 Corinthians)

Bible Readings

Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-2

Psalm 135

2 Corinthians 5:1-11

Hymns

Trinity 400 - Come Thou fount of every blessing

Trinity 698 - Only a sinner saved by grace

Trinity 690 - Jesus paid it all

Trinity 705 - Marvellous grace of our loving Lord

Worship today is led by Shane Stegemann (PRC Pallara, Qld)

Looking ahead ...

Today	17:30	Fellowship Tea
	19:00	Hymn Singing
Wed 30 January	19:45	Prayer Meeting
Sun 3 February	09:45	Prayer of the Lord's Day
	10:30	Public Worship (Ken Dean)
	13:30	Lord's Supper
	14:00	Sunday School & Bible Study
Sun 10 February		Public Worship (Dan Gregor)
Sun 17 February		Public Worship (David Hodges)

Sermon Notes

The Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10

Introduction. *Running scared for all the wrong reasons...*

The context of the book of 2 Corinthians.

1. The Seat

- a. The Corinthian Judgment Seat *Acts 18:12.*
- b. Definition of "Judgment Seat"
- c. Christ's Judgment Seat:
 - i. Real authority. *Matthew 28:18*
 - ii. A settled position. *Revelation 3:21, Hebrews 2:8, 10:12-13*
 - iii. A central position
 - iv. Court of final appeal
 - v. GLORIOUS!

2. The Judgment

- a. All will appear
- b. Eternal destination already determined *John 3:18*
- c. We shall be made fully manifest
- d. A solemn time
- e. Worthy or worthless deeds
 - i. Attitude to persecution (*Matt 5:11-12*), trials (*1 Pet 1:7*), money (*2 Cor. 9:6-7*), employment (*Col. 3:22-24*), enemies (*Matt 5:44*), fellow Christians (*Matt 25:35-36*), the Church (*Acts 2:47, Ps 107:2, 22:25*), spiritual discipline (*2 John 8, Eph. 4:14, 1 Tim 4:7*) actively seeking the lost (*1 Thess. 2:19-20*), the second coming (*2 Tim. 4:7-8*)

3. The Reward

- a. What will YOU carry away?
- b. Make it your ambition to....

Conclusion: *The Marvellous Grace of our Loving Lord.*