

# New Years Resolutions

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## In Light of Eternity

- I. What is the Great White Throne Judgment (GWTJ) about?  
And why is there no condemnation for those who are followers of Christ?
  - A. First of all, know that Jesus did not come to condemn the world the **first** time He came. (John 3:16-18; cf. II Pet. 3:10-12)
  - B. Because **Jesus** was condemned for **us**.  
(Is. 53:3-6; Rom. 6:23a; Jn. 19:30b-34; I Jn. 2:2; Jn. 5:24; II Cor. 5:21)
  - C. The only people who will be condemned are those who **didn't trust** Christ's sacrifice on their behalf. They will appear at the GWTJ. (cf. Rev. 20:11-15)
- II. What is the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSOC) about?
  - A. The JSOC is also known as the "**bema**" seat judgment. The "**bema**" in New Testament times was a raised platform like the ones at the Olympic Games, where the chief of the games stood and placed awards (stephanos) around the neck of all the winners. In contrast, the "Great White throne" is called a "thronas", or King's throne. That is where God sits to judge/condemn unbelievers.

- B. The bema seat judgment (JSOC) is about: **gain** or **loss** of **reward**. (II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14; I Cor. 3:13-15)
  1. What will be lost? All that **is not** motivated out of love for Christ. (Col. 3:23-24)
  2. What will be rewarded? All that **is** motivated out of love for Christ. (cf. Eph. 6:7-8; Dan. 12:3b; Prov. 11:30b; Lk. 6: 22-23, 35; Matt. 10:42)
- III. So knowing more about these judgments what should we be more motivated to do?

We should be more motivated to...

- A. Share our **testimonies** with others.  
(I Pet. 3:15b; Matt. 28:19-20; Dan. 12:3b; Prov. 11:30b)
- B. Out of gratitude for Christ **serve** Him with anticipation of **reward**. (II Tim. 4:7-8; Heb. 11:24-26; Ps. 62:12; Heb. 12:2; Rev. 22:12)



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