

WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE?

2 Corinthians 5:10

INTRODUCTION

- A. We want to look and see the difference answers that people will be forced to give in the judgment. Therefore, we can see the correct answer that we are to give.
- B. Note our text.
 - 1. No matter who we are, we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
 - a. We will all give an answer for how we have lived our lives on this earth.
 - b. Some will give excuses as to why they did not become Christians.
 - c. Some will claim that they did not have the right opportunity (1 CO. 6:2).
 - d. Some will claim that they did not know what to do (CO 1:23).
 - e. None of these excuses will work in that day.
 - 2. The only correct answer we can give will be that we have been obedient to the gospel (GA 2:20).
 - 3. Now let us look at what answers will be given in that day.

DISCUSSION: WHEN YOU STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE?

- I. **I WAS TOO BUSY MAKING A LIVING TO LIVE FOR YOU.**
 - A. The love of money causes many to be lost (1 TI 6:9, 10).
 - 1. When people put their whole trust in money they put it in something that will perish (MT 6:19, 20).
 - 2. The parable of the rich farmer (LK 12:16-21).
 - B. Many a family has been made to suffer because parents spent too much time in their career fields and not enough time with the children.
 - 1. Children need fathers and mothers (EP 6:1, 4).
 - 2. They need to be trained up right (PR 22:6).
 - C. Money is not something that we will be able to use in that day.
 - 1. We cannot take it with us (LK 16:19-31).
 - 2. We cannot buy our way into heaven because eternal life is a gift (RO 6:23).
- II. **I WAS WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO COME.**
 - A. Felix waited for a more convenient time (Acts 24:24, 25).
 - 1. Saul of Tarsus immediately was baptized (Acts 9:11-19).
 - 2. The Ethiopian Eunuch did not want to wait one more minute (Acts 8:36-39).
 - B. The people of Athens wanted to hear Paul again (Acts 17:32).
 - 1. Some, however, believed and followed Paul (Acts 18:34).
 - 2. The Philippian Jailer was baptized that same hour of the night (Acts 16:32, 33).
 - C. King Agrippa was almost persuaded to be a Christian (Acts 26:24-29).
 - 1. He was almost, but there is no record of him ever becoming a Christian.
 - 2. Many people are almost persuaded, but they do not make it.
- III. **I DID NOT FEEL THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.**
 - A. I was a good person.
 - 1. I did not drink (Gal. 5:21).
 - 2. I did not curse (Ex. 20:7).
 - B. I did good deeds.
 - 1. Jesus spoke of those who would do good deeds, but still be lost (MT 7:21-23).
 - 2. Good deeds will not guarantee anyone a home in heaven (EP 2:8, 9).
 - 3. What condemns a person is not the lack of doing good things, or not obeying the gospel.
 - a. What condemns a person is that everyone has sin in their lives (1 JN 1:8-10).
 - b. Only the blood of Christ can wash away sin and if one does not obey the gospel, then he cannot come into contact with the blood and his/her, sins cannot be washed away, and that person cannot go to heaven.

CONCLUSION

- A. When you stand before the throne of Christ, what will your answer be?
 - 1. I was too busy making a living.
 - 2. I was waiting for the right moment.
 - 3. I did not really think it was necessary to become a Christian.
- B. The only answer that you can give and go to heaven is to obey the gospel and live according to its precepts.