

HOW ARE WE EVALUATED AND GRADED BY GOD?

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive what is due him for the **things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

^{EZE 24:14} Ezekiel 24:14, " `I the LORD have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. **You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions,** declares the Sovereign LORD.' "

Revelations 20:13, "each person was **judged** according to what he had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

John 6:29, "Jesus answered, "**The work of God** is this: **to believe in the one he has sent.**"

Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the **faithful** God, **keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.**"

Deuteronomy 32:4, He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A **faithful** God who does no wrong, upright and just is He."

2 Samuel 22:26, "**To the faithful you show yourself faithful,** to the blameless you show yourself blameless."

The answer to the question, How are we evaluated by God?

1. By the things done in the body, our conduct and actions.
2. By believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

3. By having one's name written in the Book of Life. How can we be sure of this? To be a child of God and be born again. John 1:12
"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."
4. By loving God and keeping His commands
5. By being faithful. Living 10 years with the Asmat tribe in the swamps. Difficult but possible. We must do the possible.

To be faithful results in prosperity

2 Chronicles 31:20, "This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and **faithful** before the LORD his God. ²¹ In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. **And so he prospered.**

To be faithful results in bigger responsibilities

Matthew 25:21, "His master replied, `Well done, good and **faithful** servant! You have been **faithful** with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

To be faithful in prayer and loving God's people

Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, **faithful** in prayer. ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

1 Corinthians 4:2, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove **faithful**."

1 Thessalonians 5:23, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is **faithful** and He will do it." **Here is the secret of being faithful. HE WILL DO IT.**

WHEN WE DO FALL INTO SIN?

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

To be faithful results in special appointments from God

1 Timothy 1:12, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me **faithful**, appointing me to his service."

To be faithful involves endurance (We don't quit or give up)

Revelations 14:11, "And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." ¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain **faithful** to Jesus."

To be faithful results in Victory with Jesus

Revelations 17:14, "They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and **faithful** followers."