

## 20210822 BELIEVERS' PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN THE TRUTH – Part 2 (2 John)

**<sup>6</sup> And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.**

<sup>7</sup> Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

### LESSON NUMBER FOUR. THE TRUTH PROMISES GUARANTEED CHRISTIAN REWARD.

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#### 1. There is reward waiting for us.

Various types of service merit rewards, such as enduring temptation (James 1:12), diligently seeking God (Heb. 11:6), dying for Christ (Rev. 2:10), faithful pastoral work (1 Pet. 5:4), faithfully doing God's will and loving his appearing (2 Tim. 4:8), soul winning (1 Thess. 2:19-20), faithful stewardship (1 Cor. 4:1-5), acts of kindness (Gal 6:10), hospitality (Matt. 10:40-42).

#### 2. We must guard our mind so that we may walk in the truth.

"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. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." (1 Cor. 9:25-27)

#### 3 Reward can be lost.

"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown." (Revelation 3:11)

"We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames." (1 Cor. 3:9-15)

#### 4. God wants us to be rewarded fully.

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12)

Jesus Himself also said to a certain church in the book of Revelation,

"Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."

"For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy."

#### LESSON NUMBER FIVE. BIBLICAL TRUTH REVEALS UNCOMPLICATED CHRISTIAN IDENTIFICATION.

**<sup>9</sup> Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.**

"From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." (John 6:66)

#### LESSON NUMBER SIX. BIBLICAL TRUTH DIRECTS UNCOMPROMISED CHRISTIAN RESPONSE.

**<sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him.**

**<sup>11</sup> Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.**

**"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."** (1 Cor. 13:6)