

# Chapter 13

*"Our Glorified  
New Bodies"*

After the Bridegroom (Jesus) collects His Bride (the Church), we will then be called into the presence of God to be judged or better defined as rewarded to receive crowns (see the chart below for the 5 types of crowns) for our faithfulness during the Age of Grace or Church Age. This ceremony is called the Judgment Seat of Christ. Once collected, we shall cast those crowns before Him as a tribute. **Matthew 16:27** “For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works.” Remember to keep in mind that John’s writing of these sequences of events will be set at a future date. So, when the elders cast their crowns, we will take their lead and join in the ceremony. **Revelation 4:9-11** “<sup>9</sup> And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup> Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” The Bible identifies this event as the Judgment Seat of Christ. **Romans 14:10-12** “<sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. <sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” **2 Corinthians 5:10-11** “<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.” This event is sometimes called the Bema Seat. According to Strong’s #G968 the Greek word “bema” translates to “judgment seat.” It’s important to point out that the judgment here is more of assessing reward for the type of service similar to an Olympian athlete being rewarded with either gold, silver, or bronze medals.

Title	Bible Passage
Crown of Righteousness	<b>2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)</b> “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”
Crown of Glory	<b>1 Peter 5:2-4 (NIV)</b> “ <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”  <b>Isaiah 62:3</b> “Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.”
Imperishable Crown	<b>1 Corinthians 9:25 (NKJV)</b> “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.”
Crown of Rejoicing	<b>1 Thessalonians 2:19</b> “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?”

**James 1:12** “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.”

**Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)** “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have Tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Those souls who will be caught up at the Rapture will have new glorified bodies as exemplified by Jesus Himself. **1 John 3:2-3 (NIV)** “<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” It will have the properties of light and be luminous. **Matthew 17:2** “And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.” **John 20:17 (NIV)** “Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Our current earthly bodies will be reconditioned to exist in heaven. **Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)** “<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” After Jesus came back from the grave, He was presumably in His glorified body. When He came to His disciples to prove to them, He was real and alive, He ate food. **Luke 24:38-43** “<sup>38</sup> And he said unto them, “Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. <sup>40</sup> And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? <sup>42</sup> And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And he took it, and did eat before them.” This implies that we will be able to eat. **1 Corinthians 15:42-45** “<sup>42</sup> So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”

The last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit.” **1 Corinthians 15:50-55** “<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

Additionally, we may have the ability to appear and disappear at will. **John 20:19-20 (NIV)** “<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” **Luke 24:28-31** “<sup>28</sup> And they (the two on the road to Emmaus) drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further. <sup>29</sup> But they constrained him, saying, “Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. <sup>30</sup> And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave

to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and he vanished out of their sight.” [Luke 24:36-37](#) <sup>36</sup> And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.” To fully understand and appreciate the transformation from earthly to heavenly bodies, we must look at what the Bible says about what happens to the body and the spirit or soul at death.

The Bible says that God knew us before we were even born. [Psalm 139:13-14 \(NIV\)](#) <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” [Jeremiah 1:4-5 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” The Bible also says there is a season for birth and one for death. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-2](#) <sup>1</sup> To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: <sup>2</sup> A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.” It also confirms that each of us will die. [1 Corinthians 15:22](#) “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” [Hebrews 9:27-28](#) <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: <sup>28</sup> So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” Scholars believe the judgment mentioned here is the Great White Throne Judgment, after the Millennium and before Eternity.

The Bible says that for believers, their spirits are brought into Jesus’ presence when they die. [2 Corinthians 5:6-8](#) <sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight: <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” Jesus called that place Paradise when He was speaking with the thieves on the cross. [Luke 23:39-43 \(NIV\)](#) <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Non-believers are sent to be tormented in a place called Hades. [Luke 16:22-23 \(NIV\)](#) <sup>22</sup> The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.” It is thought that Hades is sort of an intermediate location before one is sent to hell, the lake of fire and brimstone, or bottomless pit. At death, our spirit transcends to the next life while our physical bodies remain on earth. This is known as the First Death. Ultimately though, at the end of time, every soul ever born will be summoned before God. [Daniel 12:1-2](#) <sup>1</sup> And at that time (the end of days) shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book (the book of life). <sup>2</sup> And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” [John 5:28-29](#) <sup>28</sup> Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, <sup>29</sup> And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” For the believers, the Rapture will rejoin the soul with the physical body and transform to the new glorified at which body we just looked. We will refer back to this discussion of glorified bodies and First Death at the time of the Millennium.