Peter asks Jesus the question, “What do we get for leaving everything to follow You?” Jesus responds, *“…in the re-creation of the world, when the Son of Man will rule gloriously, you who have followed Me will also rule, starting with the 12 tribes of Israel. And not only you, but anyone who sacrifices home, family, fields—whatever—because of Me will get it back a hundred times over, not to mention the considerable bonus of eternal life. This great-reversal: many of the first ending up last and the last first*,” Matthew 19:28-39.

**While our faith determines our eternal destination, our obedience determines our eternal rewards.**

2 Corinthians 5:10, “*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*

Psalm 98:9, “…*He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity*.”

Psalm 62:12b, *“…You reward everyone according to what they have done.”*

Romans 14:10 & 12, “*So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember we will all stand before the judgment seat of God…Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God*.”

I Corinthians 4:5, “*So don’t make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.”*

Jeremiah 17:10, “*But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.*”

Romans 8:18, “*Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later.”*

Matthew 6:20, “*Store your treasure in Heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal*.”

I Corinthians 3:12-15, “*Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames*.”

Revelati0n 2:23, “*I am the one who searches hearts & minds and I will repay according to your deeds…”*

**Week 2: Overview of the Promised Rewards**

**(for those who overcome)~ Revelation 2 & 3**

Notes from Mike Bickle Teaching:

1. introduction to Heavenly rewards
	1. Believers will receive many different types of heavenly rewards at the time of the second coming. These rewards are not of secondary importance, but rather, are an important part of our destiny. Therefore, all believers should be familiar with them. The heir of a great financial fortune or one investing in a venture knows the main details of what they hope to gain.
	2. In Revelation 2-3, Jesus gave His most in-depth teaching on rewards (mentioning 22 rewards). He knew what we would need to be properly motivated and stabilized during the release of the glory and crisis in the end-time move of God as seen in the book of Revelation.
	3. There will be a vast difference in the measure of glory of each one’s reward. Some in the kingdom will be called the least and some the greatest (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:11; Rev. 11:18; 19:5).

19“Whoever breaks [consistently] one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches [encourages] them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt. 5:19)

* 1. There are various levels of fulfillment of these rewards in this age and in the age to come.
	2. Rewards are not given automatically, but only to those who fulfill specific conditions. This is the time in our life when the “exchange rate” for obedience is the highest. Believing means to respond to Jesus in confidence and consistency. One aspect of being blessed is in receiving eternal rewards that are far beyond a “hundredfold return” for all that we offer Jesus in love and obedience (Mt. 19:29; Mk. 10:30; Lk 8:8; Mt. 13:8; 23).

29“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (Jn. 20:29)

* 1. God pays so well for our “few things.” Having confidence in this greatly impacts our heart.

29“Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.” (Mt. 19:29)

* 1. There will be varying degrees of fruitfulness and reward: a hundredfold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold.

23“He who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” (Mt. 13:23)

* 1. Jesus reveals the great exchange of a “few things” for “many things.” God esteems, remembers, and rewards our small expressions of obedience in our mind, emotions, and will. Those who were faithful in “very little” will have “government over ten cities” in the millennial kingdom.

21“You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.” (Mt. 25:21)

17“Well done…you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.” (Lk. 19:17)

Additional notes from overview of the rewards Jesus spoke of in Revelation 2 & 3 (the 7 churches):