

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SALVATION AND REWARDS

1 Corinthians 3:8-15

There is a difference between salvation and rewards.

The foundation for Christian rewards

I. THE BASIC ASSUMPTION

Every believer is rewarded according to his own labor (v.9).

II. THE CHRISTIAN APPLICATION

Our work is to add to the foundation which has already been laid (v.10).

How do we build on the foundation (v-11)?

The first is gold, silver, and costly stones. These are symbolic of good work.

The second is wood, hay, and straw. These are symbolic of inadequate work.

The highest and only true motive for Christian work is a sense of the leadership of the Lord.

III. THE FINAL ANALYSIS

There will come a time when our works are examined to detect what kind of work it is.

In that day our works will be tested. They will pass through the fire.

Revelation 1:14,

IV. THE ULTIMATE AWARD

The nature of the work determines the reward or loss (vs 14-15).

Those who suffer loss here will be saved, but without reward.

Those who are faithful shall receive a reward.

A crown is given to those who rule.

What kind of works have you been building on the foundation?