

9 Reasons to Believe in the Equal Reward of All Believers

As we've seen, the "reward" for believers in YESHUA is "immortal life." The idea that Christians – by their works – receive various rewards for their own works is not biblical. Here are nine reasons why "reward" is singular for the righteous and punishments for the wicked vary.

(1). THE EVERLASTING LOVE OF GOD TO HIS ELECT. All the people of God are loved by Him with the same love. They are not loved one sonner than another for they are all loved with an everlasting love. They are not loved more than another for there are no degress of love with God. The love He bears to His own dear people is unaltered by time and continues for all eternity.

(2). THE JUSTIFICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE FROM ETERNITY. All the people of God are chosen together in Christ. They are not chosen one earlier than another for all are chosen in Christ from before the foundation of the world.

(3). THE PRECIOUS PROMISES AND BLESSINGS OF GOD. All the people of God are equally interested in the covenant of grace. All are in it as they are chosen in Christ before the world began and all are entitled to the same exceeding great and precious promises and blessings of it.

(4). THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST. All the people of God are equally redeemed with the same price which is the precious blood of Christ (I Corinthians 6:20, I Peter 1:18,19). Though redeemed out of every tribe and nation yet it is the same blood (Revelation 5:9). The ransom price for the elect is the same for all, Christ Himself (I Timothy 2:6).

(5). THE PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST. All the people of God are justified by the same righteousness. Justification is unto all and upon all that believe. There is no difference between greater and lesser believers; great faith or little faith. No believer has more righteousness than another. Nor does the nature and object of the same precious faith differ from believer to believer.

(6). JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST. All the people of God are equally the children of God. They are predestined to the same adoption, into the same family, by the same redemption by which they receive the same rights and authority to become the children of God. They are fellow citizens with the saints, equal members of the household of God, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

(7). WE ARE ALL PRIESTS UNTO GOD. All the people of God are kings and priests unto God. They are made so by Christ. They are His workmanship. Their office and dignity are alike. They were all dead once in the depravity of sin and all raised by grace from a low estate to sit among princes and to inherit the same throne of glory.

(8). THE LANGUAGE OF INHERITANCE IS SINGULAR. "Because there are no degrees of reward in heaven, our future glory and the blessings of our inheritance are invariably expressed in the singular. The inheritance of the saints is the same inheritance though the saints be many. The inheritance reserved in heaven is the same for all though reserved for many. The kingdom of our Father gives, the

crown of righteousness laid up and the penny given to the laborers, though some worked all day and some worked for only a short time, speaks of equality for all.

(9). WE ARE TO REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD NOW FOR GREAT IS OUR REWARD. Hence, we may say to every believer, as did our Lord in Matthew 5:12 that there is no need to be anxious or worry about your eternal reward, for it is great in Christ; it is yours through faith; and it is all earned by the performance of Christ.

DANIEL 12:2 - "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt."

MATTHEW 25:14-30 - "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

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!'

22"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23"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!'

24"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

26"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

28" 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"Degrees of rewards in heaven is essentially an apology for works salvation and popery" (Peter Meney).