

The Inscrutable Question: Escrow Rewards for Loser Believers Are withheld at the Judgment Seat of Christ, 1 Cor 3:15

1 Corinthians 3:15 - If any believer's production is burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be delivered, yet as through fire.

- 57) The burned production is the house of wood, fodder, and stubble built upon the foundation of the prototype spiritual life. This is human good and evil.
- 58) The verse goes on to inform us that this person "shall suffer loss but he himself shall be delivered." What loss does he suffer? He cannot suffer loss of salvation. He is among the elect who received an escrow account deposited in eternity past.
- 59) During his life on earth he responded positively to the presentation of the gospel and was saved. He received the imputation of the operational spiritual life and the equal privilege and equal opportunity to access and utilize its assets.
- 60) We have learned that those who do advance to spiritual maturity become recipients of their escrow account in both time and eternity.
- 61) However the context of 1 Corinthians 13 presents a discussion that contrasts those believers who are in chronic sin and perpetual carnality with those who advance in the system and produce divine good.
- 62) Our passage takes up the end result at the judgment seat of Christ where both are brought before the *bema*, the evaluation throne. The Lord's objective is to evaluate each believer's qualifications to determine if he is eligible to receive the conveyance of his escrow account.
- 63) As Escrow Officer, the Lord must determine which believers have fulfilled the conditions of the Escrow Agreement and those who have not.
- 64) Those who attained spiritual maturity receive the conveyance of their rewards as we have observed in 1 Corinthians 3:14. By the acquisition of wisdom they were motivated by reciprocity to offer praise and glory to God. Their spiritual life was characterized by the production of divine good resulting in escrow blessings in time.
- 65) Those who did not advance but who instead were "taken prisoner through the agency of philosophical propaganda and deceitful lies," and who as a result developed human viewpoint based on the "standards of the traditions of men and according to the standards of the elements of the world and not according to the standards of Christ" (Colossians 2:8), and whose rejection of truth produced a lifestyle characterized by human good and evil that required the imposition of divine discipline, will not receive the conveyance of their escrow awards.
- 66) Instead, since the date of the contract goes back to eternity past when God transferred the blessings into escrow in their name, its contents must remain on deposit forever since the recipient failed to fulfill the conditions of the Escrow Agreement.
- 67) All of his efforts were motivated by human viewpoint and performed by the energy of the flesh. He never acquired the wisdom necessary to develop reciprocal love for God and thus never found Him worthy of praise and glorification.
- 68) Instead the cosmic believer evaluated God on his own terms and developed his own system of pseudo spirituality developed in the Satanic Academy. None of his works had any spiritual value and thus did not qualify as fulfillment of the Escrow Agreement.



- 69) His resultant loss of rewards however did not affect his salvation. He stands before the evaluation throne of Christ in resurrection body, minus a sinful nature, and with eternal life before him.
- 70) He survived the fire but his works did not. His escrow blessings thus remain on deposit forever under the protection of Jesus Christ as Escrow Officer.