

Deacon's Beacons

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So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 2 Corinthians 5:9–10

Here again the question of how we are justified is raised. We are justified by faith and saved by grace. But we must participate. We must accept those gifts and exercise our free will to choose to live according to the Gospel directives. Otherwise, why would Paul tell us that we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ? Predestination has no sense of having to do what is good or evil. We can condemn ourselves by our actions, particularly if that is contrary to our profession of faith. We cannot earn our way to Heaven. But we can choose to earn our way into Hell. It is our choice. That is the danger of free will.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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