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## THE IMPUTATION OF BLESSINGS IN ETERNITY

When the Lord Jesus Christ evaluated the lives of believers and rewards them accordingly, He does so as a Judge (John 5:22). He functions as Judge because all divine blessings and all imputations come from the justice of God. God is glorified through blessing man totally without compromise to divine righteousness. He is glorified to the ultimate by what He will give in that final imputation.

The mature believer is the home or target of the final imputation. The mature believer's hope becomes reality when eternal rewards and eternal blessings are credited to his resurrection body<sup>1</sup>.

In order to anchor his confidence in this future reality, the mature believer must be familiar with the sequence of events leading up to and immediately following his final evaluation. The mature believer will not be evaluated until he receives his resurrection body. Real imputation of rewards cannot take place until a home or target has been prepared for them. No Church Age believer will be evaluated until the entire royal family of God has been formed –the corporate completion of the body of Christ.

Only then will the resurrection or Rapture take place. In that moment, each member of the royal family receives a body exactly like Christ's resurrection body, free from sin nature, free from good and evil.

The believer's real self is his soul and human spirit and the body is a house or temporary residence for the real person. The departed Church Age believer's soul and human spirit, with eternal life intact, are united with an interim body (Luke 16:19-31) to dwell in heaven with the Lord forever (2 Corinthians 5:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:23). Each individual is fully conscious, indeed, no longer limited by a mortal body, his perceptive ability is enhanced. He is fully recognizable and perfectly happy but as yet minus a resurrection body.

At the Rapture, these multitudes of CA believers, called "the dead in Christ" will accompany the Lord from heaven to a rendezvous in space above the earth, where they will be joined by the living CA believers. There, both the dead in Christ and the Rapture CA believers will receive their resurrection bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54).

Immediately after the Rapture, there will be a period of fantastic happiness and celebration, a grand reunion of the entire royal family of God, assembled for the first time in spontaneous collective and massive recognition of Christ (Romans 14:11). When the celebration reaches its high point, suddenly it gives way to momentous solemnity. The Lord

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<sup>1</sup> Diagram 8 page 125

Jesus Christ will convene court (Romans 14:12). The court of BEMA will evaluate every member of the royal family of God.

This time of worship and of breaking into song will culminate as Christ leads the entire royal family of God back to heaven. As the era of the Church Age reach its completion, the interrupted Age of Israel will resume for its final seven years (Daniel 9:24-27) called the Tribulation period.

While the earth is under Tribulation, the Lord Jesus Christ will prepare His Bride to accompany Him in His Second Advent. The royal family of God is called "the Bride of Christ" in heaven (Revelation 19:7-9, 22:17), while on earth it is called "the Body of Christ". At the Second Advent, the King of kings will return on earth to overthrow Satan and establish his personal thousand-year reign over the devil's former kingdom.