

*“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this Foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; **Every Man's Work Shall Be Made Manifest** (made known): for the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.” 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 KJV*



Fire is needed to remove dross. Dross is impurities removed from molten metals. The higher the temperature, the greater the dross removal and purity of the final product. Gold must be heated to near 2000° F to melt. Temperature can be raised 200° to increase dross and purification of the remaining gold. The best gold is 99.99% pure. God will use a similar technique to remove the dross of our carnal works (wood, hay, stubble) from our works of faith (gold, silver, precious stones), and since God's fire is perfect, the works remaining will be 100% righteous. Your "works" are the combination of your life's thoughts and deeds. The Judgment Seat of Christ is where believer's works will be examined and judged, not our souls for we have eternal Life and will never face Hell. Our carnal works will be burned up and rewards handed out for those righteous works remaining. *“If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.”* The foundation of our work is God's Word. *“If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the Temple of God is Holy, which Temple ye are.”* The fire of God's Word dwelling in your mind will purify from you the dross of sin. The more Word, the purer you will become. Does your heart burn within you at the thought of God's Words?

The Word of God will try our deeds,
And burn up all of evil's seeds,
He will supply our ev'ry need,
If on His Word we always feed. –CGP

The Word of God purifies our thoughts and thereby our life, *“for Our God is a consuming fire.”* Are you just feeding the fire with the *“wood, hay, and stubble”* of your own destruction or is the *“gold, silver, and precious stones,”* of your Faith being purified and created? Faith and God's Love are the brick and mortar of Hope!

“But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity (God's Love), these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.” 1 Corinthians 13:10-13 KJV