

The Last Day

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Introduction:

- A. Eschatology Mythbusters
 - 1. End time doctrines are endlessly speculated, rapidly changed, over discussed, and highly misleading - 2Tim. 2:16-18
- B. Things that will not happen on the last day:
 - 1. Jesus will not establish an earthly kingdom - 1Cor. 15:24-26
 - 2. There will be no secret rapture where the righteous are taken from the earth - John 5:28-29; Rev. 1:7
 - 3. There will be no millennium on this earth - 2Peter 3:10-12
 - 4. Jesus will never set foot on the earth again - 1Thes. 4:17

I. WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE LAST DAY?

- A. Jesus will be revealed from heaven and return with the angels
 - 1. 2Thes. 1:7; 1Thes. 4:16
- B. There will be a resurrection of all of the dead - John 5:28-29
- C. Those who are alive will be changed - 1Thes. 4:17; 1Cor. 15:51-52
- D. The universe will be destroyed - 2Peter 3:10-11
- E. The righteous and unrighteous will be judged and separated
 - 1. 2Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-33
- F. The faithful will be given entrance into heaven - Matt. 25:34
- G. The unfaithful will be cast into hell and punished forever
 - 1. Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:15

II. BEFORE THE LAST DAY

- A. Be holy, godly, diligent, peaceable, pure, blameless, cautious, steadfast, growing - 2Peter 3:11-14, 17-18
- B. Be righteous; abandon sin - Isa. 3:10-11; 1Peter 1:17
- C. Do not believe that you have plenty of time - Heb. 2:1-3; 2Peter 3:3-10
- D. You have power of choice over where you will spend eternity, but only before the last day - Rev. 6:15-17, 22:1-7, 12-14

Have You Thought About Your Soul?

Have you ever stopped to wonder,
What this life is all about?
Why you're here and where you're going,
When your lease on time runs out?
Maybe you've been far too busy,
Trying hard to reach your goal;
Would you let me ask you kindly:
Have you thought about your soul?

You may reach the highest portals,
And your dreams may all come true
Wealth and fame may be your portion,
And success may shine on you.
All your friends may sing your praises,
Not a care on you may roll:
What about the great tomorrow
Have you thought about your soul?

Don't forget your days are numbered
Though you may be riding high:
But like all of us poor mortals,
Someday you'll just up and die.
Your success and fame and glory
Won't be worth the bell you toll;
Let me ask you just one question,
Have you thought about your soul?

If you've never thought it over,
Spend a little time today:
There is nothing more important
That will ever come your way.
Than the joys of sins forgiven,
And to know you've been made whole;
In the name of Christ the Savior,
Have you thought about your soul?