

# Judgment Day Surprises

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## Introduction:

- A. The scriptures teach that Judgment Day is coming - Acts 17:30-31
  - 1. Every accountable person will be there, including you - 2Cor. 5:10
  - 2. It is a never ending source of wonder to me that the vast majority of persons, including members of the Lord's church, live as if this is a myth
  - 3. Matt. 7:21-23 - there will be many who will be surprised Judgment Day
  - 4. Will you be numbered among those who will be surprised?

## I. SOME IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL BE SURPRISED

- A. They'll be surprised to learn that cold formalism (just doing the right things) is as bad as innovation - John 4:24; Eph. 5:19; Isa. 28:13; Matt. 15:7-9
- B. They'll be surprised to learn that a heart that harbors hate, malice, jealousy, rage, lust, and gossip, is just as bad as murder, fornication, homosexuality, and atheism - Matt. 5:21-22; Gal. 5:19-21
- C. They'll be surprised to learn that they should have taken the commitment they made to Christ seriously, and not with indifference and casualness - Rev. 3:16
  - 1. This generation will be known as the one who treated the commands of the Lord as optional
- D. They'll be surprised to learn that telling others of the gospel is an obligation for every Christian, not just the preacher - Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4; Ez. 3:17-19
- E. They'll be surprised to learn that their secular concerns never took priority over their spiritual needs - Matt. 6:25, 33.

## II. THOSE WHO DISMISS THE BIBLE WILL BE SURPRISED

- A. The atheist will be surprised to learn there is a God - Psalm 14:1
- B. The unbeliever will be surprised to learn that Jesus really is the Son of God, the Savior of the world - John 8:21-24, 12:48
- C. The materialist will be surprised to discover that man is an immortal spirit - Ecc. 12:7; Matt. 22:31-32
- D. The moral man will be surprised to discover that he is a sinner in need of salvation - Rom. 3:23

## III. MANY WHO CLAIM TO BE CHRISTIANS WILL BE SURPRISED

- A. Many preachers will be surprised to discover that God meant what He said about preaching the whole truth of the gospel - Gal. 1:6-9; James 3:1
- B. Many professed believers will be surprised to discover that faith alone does not save - James 2:17, 24, 26
- C. Many religiously sincere people will be surprised to discover that a person can be sincere and zealous, and still be lost - Matt. 7:21-23
- D. The innovator will be surprised to learn that having Christ's authority is absolute - Col. 1:18, 3:17; 2John 9-10
- E. The un-immersed will be surprised to learn that baptism is necessary for salvation - Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1Peter 3:21

Conclusion: There is no need to be surprised on Judgment Day - 1Thes. 5:4-9