

Judgment Day Surprises

(Matthew 7:21-23)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible teaches that judgment day is coming (Acts 17:30,31).
 2. All accountable people will be there, including you (2 Cor.5:10).
 3. It ought to be a very sobering thought to know that you will stand before Jesus and give an account of our lives.
 4. Matthew 7:21-23, indicates that among other things, there will be some surprises on the day of Judgement.
 5. The question is, "Will you be one of those who will be surprised?"
 6. Let's consider some individuals from various groups who will be surprised on that day.

I. Some in the Church of Christ Will Be Surprised

- A. They'll be surprised to learn that cold formalism is as bad as innovation (Jno.4:24; Eph.5:19; Col.3:16; Matt.15:7-9).
- B. They'll be surprised to learn that a heart full of hate, malice, jealousy, anger, lust, and gossip, was as bad as murder, fornication, atheism (Matt.5:21; 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 lukewarmness (Revelation 3:16).
- D. They'll be surprised to learn that telling others the good news was an obligation, not an option (Mark16:15; Acts 8:4; Ezekiel 3:17-19).
- E. They'll be surprised to learn that restoring the erring was an obligation, not an option (Galatians6:1; James5:19-20).

II. Those Who Rejected 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 was the Son of God, the Savior of the world (John 8:21-24; John 12:48).
- C. The materialist will be surprised to discover that man does have an immortal spirit (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Matt.22:31-32).
- D. The good moral man will be surprised to discover that he was a sinner in need of salvation (Romans 3:23).

III. Some 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 truth of the gospel (Galatians1:6-9; James 3:1).
- B. Many professed believers will be surprised to discover that "faith only" did not save (James 2:17,24,26).
- C. Many religiously sincere people will be surprised to discover that a person can be sincere & zealous, but lost (Matthew.7:21-23).
- D. The **innovator** will be surprised to learn that having Christ's authority was important (Colossians 3:17).
- E. The **unimmersed** will be surprised to learn that baptism was necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

- Conclusion:
1. There is no need to be surprised on the day of Judgment.
 2. God's word gives us the answer to all the questions.
 3. Follow it, and you'll do just fine.

