

Boldness in the Day of Judgment

1 John 4.17-18

Introduction:

- A. Many are deceived about the day of Judgment, think they will be saved.
- B. The Bible is clear about who can have confidence in that Day.
- C. Our purpose today is to see how we can be among that number who can..

Have boldness in the Day of Judgment

I. The Day of the Judgment as Fact

- A. It WILL come!
 - 1. We are put here for a purpose and every work will be brought into judgment – Ecc. 12.7, 13-14
 - 2. All nations WILL appear, Jesus WILL sit on His throne – Mat. 25.31-4
 - 3. After death – Heb. 9.2
 - 4. As a thief, the last Day – 2 Pet. 3.1-14
 - 5. An appointed day – Acts 1.30-31
- B. It WILL be Inescapable!
 - 1. All will hear His voice and come forth – Jn. 5.28-29
 - 2. All must appear before the judgment seat of Christ – 2 Cor. .10
 - 3. Each one must give an account – Rom. 14.10-12
 - 4. Those who neglect salvation WILL NOT escape! Heb. 2.3
- C. Consider the plight of those who are found unprepared in that Day – Matt. 25.31-46; Mark 9.43-48

II. But there are some who can have boldness on that Day

- A. 1 John 4.17-8
 - 1. Boldness if “confidence,” “cheerfulness,” and “courage” (W.E. Vine)>
 - 2. Effectual love is always working and active – Gal. 5.6-7; 1 Jn. 5.2-3; 2 Jn. 1.6
- B. Biblical love results in two states:
 - 1. A state of personal relationship with God.
 - 2. A consequent state of trust and fellowship with God – 1 Jn. 1.-9
- C. We can effect this “boldness” by first developing love:
 - 1. 1 Jn. 4.9 “We love Him, because He first loved us.”
 - 2. The biblical comparison is father/son relationship
 - 3. By denying self – Luke 9.23
 - 4. By seeking and possessing knowledge – Eph. 5.1
 - 5. By being unlike the world – Rom. 12.1-2
 - 6. By ministering to (helping) others – Matt. 25.31-46
 - 7. By being virtuous – 2 Pet. 1.5-10, 11
 - 8. By abounding in the work of the Lord – 1 Cor. 15.58\

Conclusion:

- A. How do you view the Day of Judgment?
 - 1. As a time of release and vindication, the beginning of joy and bliss?
 - 2. Or a time of dread, fear and torment?
- B. Prepare now to meet your God:
 - 1. Love Him
 - 2. Obey Him

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