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
   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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