

Think On This



Let Us Be Prepared

Of all the appointments that we will have in our lifetime, none will compare to the Day of Judgment. Paul understood the seriousness of this matter as he states, ***“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.”*** (2nd Corinthians 5:10-11) Will we be prepared for that day?

Preparation

To be prepared for the judgment we must use the scriptures as our guide. The scriptures clearly teach that one must be born again. (John 3:3-8) A person is born again as he or she is purified in obeying the truth. Peter states, ***“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.”*** (1st Peter 1:22-23) This requires belief in Jesus (John 8:24), repentance (Acts 17:30) confessing Christ as the Son of God (Romans 10:9-10 & Acts 8:37) and being baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38-41 & Acts 22:16) After a person puts on Christ at baptism (Galatians 3:26-27) he or she is raised to walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4) This requires a person to learn and make application of the teachings of the New Testament in his or her life. (John. 8:31-32, John 14:23, Colossians 1:23 & James 1:21-25)

Conclusion

Being prepared for the judgment should be of utmost importance for every person. Paul states, ***“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.”*** (2nd Corinthians 13:5) Remember that Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him. ***“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”*** (Hebrews 5:9)

Are YOU obeying Jesus Today?

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