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- The scriptures teach that Judgment Day is coming
 - Acts 17:30-31 - “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
- Every accountable person will be there; you, too
 - 2Cor. 5:10 - “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.”

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- There will be many who will be surprised on Judgment Day
 - Matt. 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
- Will you be numbered among those who will be surprised?

Some In The Church Of Christ Will Be Surprised

- They'll be surprised to learn that cold formalism is as bad as innovation
 - John 4:24 - “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
 - Eph.5:19 - “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”

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- Isa. 28:13 - “But the word of the LORD was to them, Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little, That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.”
- Matt.15:7-9 - “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

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- 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 - “You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.”

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- Gal. 5:19-21 - “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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- They'll be surprised to learn that they should have taken the commitment they made to Christ seriously, not with indifference and casualness
 - Rev. 3:16 - “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”

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- 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 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
 - Acts 8:4 - “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.”

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- Ez. 3:17-19 - “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.”

Some In The Church Of Christ Will Be Surprised

- They'll be surprised to learn that their secular concerns never took priority over their spiritual needs
 - Matt. 6:25, 33 - “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ... 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Those Who Dismiss The Bible Will Be Surprised

- The atheist will be surprised to learn there is a God
 - Psalm 14:1 - “The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.”

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- The unbeliever will be surprised to learn that Jesus really is the Son of God, the Savior of the world
 - John 8:21-24 - “Then Jesus said to them again, I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come. 22 So the Jews said, Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'? 23 And He said to them, You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

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- John 12:48 - “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

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- The materialist will be surprised to discover that man is an immortal spirit
 - Ecc. 12:7 - “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.”
 - Matt. 22:31-32 - “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living”

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- The moral man will be surprised to discover that he is a sinner in need of salvation
 - Rom. 3:23 - “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Many Who Claim To Be Christians Will Be Surprised

- 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 - “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”

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- James 3:1 - “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.”

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- Many professed believers will be surprised to discover that faith alone does not save
 - James 2:17, 24, 26 - “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead... 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only... 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

Many Who Claim To Be Christians Will Be Surprised

- 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 - “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

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- The innovator will be surprised to learn that having Christ's authority is absolutely essential
 - Col. 1:18 - “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”
 - Col. 3:17 - “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”

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- 2John 9-10 - “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him”

Many Who Claim To Be Christians Will Be Surprised

- The un-immersed will be surprised to learn that baptism is necessary for salvation
 - Mark 16:16 - “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”
 - Acts 2:38 - “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
 - 1Peter 3:21 - “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

There Is No Need To Be Surprised On Judgment Day

- 1Thes. 5:4-9 - “But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ”