Judgment Day Surprises
(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from Internet sources)

Introduction:
A. The scriptures teach that Judgment Day is coming - Acts 17:30-31
   1. Every accountable person will be there, including you - 2Cor. 5:10
   2. It is a never ending source of wonder to me that the vast majority of
      persons, including members of the Lord’s church, live as if this is a myth
   3. Matt. 7:21-23 - there will be many who will be surprised Judgment Day
   4. Will you be numbered among those who will be surprised?

I. SOME IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL BE SURPRISED
   A. They'll be surprised to learn that cold formalism (just doing the right things) is
      as bad as innovation - John 4:24; Eph. 5:19; Isa. 28:13; Matt. 15:7-9
   B. 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; 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 casualness - Rev. 3:16
      1. This generation will be known as the one who treated the commands of
         the Lord as optional
   D. 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; Acts 8:4; Ez. 3:17-19
   E. They'll be surprised to learn that their secular concerns never took priority over
      their spiritual needs - Matt. 6:25, 33.

II. THOSE WHO DISMISS 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 is the Son of God,
      the Savior of the world - John 8:21-24, 12:48
   C. The materialist will be surprised to discover that man is an immortal spirit -
      Ecc. 12:7; Matt. 22:31-32
   D. The moral man will be surprised to discover that he is a sinner in need of
      salvation - Rom. 3:23

III MANY 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 whole truth of the gospel - Gal. 1:6-9; James 3:1
   B. Many professed believers will be surprised to discover that faith alone does
      not save - James 2:17, 24, 26
   C. 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
   D. The innovator will be surprised to learn that having Christ's authority is
      absolute - Col. 1:18, 3:17; 2John 9-10
   E. The un-immersed will be surprised to learn that baptism is necessary for
      salvation - Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1Peter 3:21

Conclusion: There is no need to be surprised on Judgment Day - 1Thes. 5:4-9