

Blessed Assurance

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

1 John 4:17-18

SERMON NOTES

ASSURANCE AT THE JUDGMENT

“Be sure to keep this handout for it will be the focus of our “Bible Institute” (Auditorium class) after Worship

I. Judgment is Certain—But So is Assurance

A. The Day of Judgment is not a maybe—it’s a *certainty*!

Hebrews 9:27

Romans 14:10

1 John 4:17

Philippians 3:3

II. Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

A. Those whose hearts are shaped by God's love & who live accordingly, need not fear God’s judgement

1 John 4:18

1 John 4:10-11

John 3:16

III. Jesus’ Words & Example: Judgment with Confidence

A. Jesus prepared us for judgment, not to be afraid, but by giving our lives peace and purpose.

John 12:48

John 14:3

B. The early church prayed boldly because of their assurance in Christ.

Acts 4:21, 31

Romans 8:31-32

Philippians 1:20

IV. How to Prepare for the Judgment with Assurance

A. How-To's for Assurance:

1. Live transparently before God: (**Psalm 139:23-24**)

2. Abide in Christ daily – (**John 15:5–6**)

3. Walk in the light – (**1 John 1:5, 7**)

4. Rest in grace, not in guilt – (**Eph. 2:8–9**)

5. Eagerly Anticipate His coming – (**2 Tim. 4:7–8**)

C. The judgment isn't a "finish line" where God wants to condemn unbelievers but

2 Timothy 2:5

V. Conclusion: Confidence – *YES!!*, Condemnation – *NO!!*

Guests: We can absolutely have confidence at the judgment, but only if we chose to follow God's plan.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Acts 22:16

1 Peter 1:15

Romans 4:3