

By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

1John 4:17

Store In My Heart

2Peter 1:12

Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

Because of the importance of the knowledge of Christ, Peter tells us that we need to be reminded of things we already know.

It is necessary for us to refresh our minds with the teachings of the Gospel with regularity. Even the greatest minds review things from time to time to make certain that they do not let something slip. Every teacher spends at least a few minutes reminding students of last year's study before getting started on new skills and information. The same is needed for our minds to keep the Word of God fresh. To borrow from a song, read "them over again to me, wonderful words of life."



Two Mandatory Appointments

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There are very few things in life that we absolutely must do. A person does not even absolutely have to eat. A person, of course, must eat if he wants to live, but he can quit eating and die if he really wanted to. However, there are two future events that we cannot avoid. They are death and the Judgment. **Hebrews 9:27** says, "*and as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*" These are two "appointments" that all of us must keep.

First, consider death. Our life here on this earth is, at the longest, very short. In **James 4:14** it is referred to as a vapor "*that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*" To live is to eventually die. Since it is true that we all must die, the second mandatory appointment (the Judgment) should concern us all.

All of us must face the Judgment which will occur after the second coming of Christ. According to **2Corinthians 5:10**, we will be judged according to the "*things done in the body.*" The Judgment cannot be avoided, so we should certainly prepare ourselves for it.

If you are not a Christian, you need to become one. The Bible teaches that a person must believe (**Hebrews 11:6**), repent (**Acts 2:38**), confess Christ (**Romans 10:10**), and be baptized (**Acts 2:38**). After a person becomes a Christian, he must remain faithful (**1Corinthians 15:58**).

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For Our Information

Remember our brethren who are in isolation at this time. They need our calls and our prayers.

Some are still dealing with illness that has nothing to do with the virus, but need to stay isolated because of the virus.

Spend an extra hour or two in Bible reading and prayer. Especially if you have more time because you are not at work.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

(While the article on the front points to death and judgement as mandatory appointments, I want us to further consider the decision mentioned in the last paragraph.

The decision to submit to Christ places new obligations upon us. Before that choice we could go through life with little care or concern, or we could place our focus on any of the many things this world offers to men and women. We might have given our all to become a great musician. We could have put our efforts into becoming an athlete of great skill and fame. Years of study might have allowed us to become a brilliant doctor. Maybe our effort would have been toward helping others, or leading a movement, or even put toward government service or office. There are thousands of directions we might have gone. With each of them there would have been work and preparation and they would have taken our time, talents and money. Even choosing to just drift along through life requires a certain amount of effort and focus. No matter what we chose to do, it would have placed obligations upon us.

Why then do so many think that choosing to submit to Christ leaves us with no responsibility or obligation? Making the decision to follow Christ means we must put our effort in to fulfilling that obligation. Following Christ will take our time, talents and money. It will require study and practice. That choice brings great responsibilities upon us. We will spend the rest of our life working to fulfill those responsibilities, for if we do not we will never reach the goal set before us by that choice.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1Corinthians 15:58

This verse does not just tell us to continue, it informs us that our steadfast labor is leading to something. We choose to submit to Christ because we know death and judgement awaits and we want to be prepared. For what? To receive the promised reward for our choice. Getting to Heaven takes steady and focused work. It is not a "one and done" choice, but a decision to change our way of life to serve Christ until we die. DLH)



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