

Judgment Day Excuses That Will Not Work

By Roger Campbell, *House to House*

Jesus will come again (John 14:3). On the same day, He will judge all men. That day is called both “the last day” (John 12:48) and “the day of judgment” (2 Peter 3:7).

What excuses might be given that day?

“But, Lord, I thought . . . ?” This sounds like Naaman when he was told to dip in the Jordan to be rid of leprosy (2 Kings 5:11). He thought he knew how things ought to happen, but God thought differently. On Judgment Day it might be, “But I thought that all a person had to do to be saved was believe in Jesus as God’s Son.” The Bible says, “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. . . . ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteous ness’. . . . You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only” (James 2:17–24).

Jesus will judge us by the Bible (John 12:48). “But, Lord, I was always told. . . .” In the religious realm, all kinds of faulty messages are given. Only God’s Word is truth (John 17:17). Some might say, “I was told that one church is as good as another.” God’s Word teaches that there is only one body or church (Ephesians 4:4), and that Jesus promised to build one church (Matthew 16:18). He purchased and saves only one church with His blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23, 25).

“But, Lord, my pastor always said. . . .” It is amazing how many people hang their soul’s destiny on what a preacher has to say. The only Pastor whom we should accept as final authority is “our Lord Jesus . . . that great Shepherd of the sheep” (Hebrews 13:20). He alone has all authority (Matthew 28:18–20). At the judgment, some may plead, “But my pastor said that it does not matter how you worship, just as long as you worship the Lord.” The Master said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Think about it.

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Bill Cockrum’s MRI showed bone on bone on his whole spine.
- ◆ Lionel Daugherty has transitioned to Hospice care at home.
- ◆ Terry Pennington, first cousin of the Rackleys, has had his cancer re-tum in several areas in his body. He is in Stage 4 and is starting radiation.
- ◆ Sonja Grisham has been moved to the nursing home after being hospitalized.
- ◆ Aden Gaulding was injured in the baseball game last week.
- ◆ The local veterinarian’s one-year old son has been fighting to overcome e-coli and his organs shutting down.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dale Strong, Randy Johnson, Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Lloyd Ellis, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins, Coe Hamm.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Pat McKaig, Jamie Crisp, Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Hardy.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ◆ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.

Blessings

- ◆ Don Luna has been in Acute Rehab Room 3310 since last Sunday He is improving daily and is scheduled for discharge on Thursday.
- ◆ Don and Barbara Luna are celebrating the birth of their first great grandchild Wesley Jason Luna, born May 10 to Josh and Madilyn Luna in Chicago. He weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

“ Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord... ”

– Colossians 3:23

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
5-5	Peggy Johnson	5-2	Angie and John Hill
5-5	Patty Donley	5-9	Paul and Beth Wade
5-11	Brenda Strong	5-20	Ryan and Amy Stevens
5-15	Bentley Goodman (8)	5-21	D. E. and Tiffany Pleasant
5-18	Halbert Smith	5-25	Darren and Denise Crisp
5-20	Gannon Schofield (11)	5-31	R. J. and Sangchun Moyers
5-23	Barbara Luna	Birthdays	
5-28	Ryan Stevens	5-31	Sabra Bryant (8)
5-29	Beth Wade	5-31	Julie Schofield

Tiffany will be serving a pasta bar, salad, bread, and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Date	Event	Details
Wed. May 20	Fellowship Supper and regular Bible classes	Continue study of Exodus
Wed. May 27	Fellowship Supper and Singing Praises	Fourth Wednesday Singing Night
Wed. June 3	No fellowship suppers for summer	Men's Class—Ephesians Women's Class—Prayer
May 31—June 3	Gospel Meeting Thayer Church of Christ	Christian Family Dynamics Derek Yarber, speaker
Sunday, June 14	CRC Fundraising Day	Crowleys Ridge College
Saturday, June 13, 9-2	Vacation Bible School	Take a trip to Rainforest Falls

May Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

5-17 John Abraham
5-24 Mark Lane
5-31 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Paul Wade
Halbert Smith
R. J. Moyers

Song Leader: Titus Smith

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***The Worker and His Works***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#622, *Ring It Out*; #647, *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

#659, *I Love to Tell the Story*; Communion Service

#643, *Sowing the Seed*

Sermon and Invitation

#650, *Send the Light*

#634, *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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