

# Why Some Will Be Left Behind

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## Introduction:

About a month ago we saw the fall of the government in Afghanistan. Tragic news was seen on the television as people tried to hang on to an airplane and fell to their death. Thousands of people were left behind and who knows how many have died as a result. Why?

### I) Why Did They Not Get Out?

- A) **Some were not U.S citizens and had no legal right to come to the United States.**
- B) **Red Tape**
  - 1. Some were people who had applied for Special Immigrant Visas.
  - 2. Anyone who has dealt with government red tape can testify to how hard it is to get things done.
- C) **The unexpected rapid collapse of the government.**
  - 1. Whether or not it was “unexpected” is up for debate as some had given warnings of this possible outcome.
- D) **Some did not want to leave someone or something behind. Family, friends, business, etc.**
- E) **Some did not take this seriously, thought things would continue as they had.**
  - 1. For 20 years this country big cities were pretty well protected.
  - 2. A whole generation grew up not knowing Taliban rule.
- F) **Procrastination, waiting till the last moment.**
  - 1. There are always people waiting to the last second to get in the car, clock in at work, study for class, etc.

2. Why do today what you can put off till tomorrow?

II) We Know of Four Certainties.

A) Christ will return.

**13** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

B) The world will be destroyed.

**10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. **2 Peter 3:10**

C) The saved will go to heaven.

**28** Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, **John 5:28-29**

D) The Unprepared will be lost

*and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. **John 5:29***

1. Two of those events we have no control over – when Christ returns, and the destruction of this world.

2. The other two is up to us, the resurrection of life, or of death.
3. Some will be saved but most will be lost.

***“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13-14 Why?”***

### III) Why People Will Be Lost

#### A) Not citizens of the heavenly kingdom.

1. The body of Christ which is the church.

***22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:22-23***

2. Jesus is the Savior of His body.

***23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Ephesians 5:23***

3. Salvation is in Christ, therefore, those outside of Christ are lost in sin.
4. The Good News is anyone can enter the body of Christ, His church.

***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, 1 Peter 3:21***

5. Anyone who believes Jesus to be the Son of God, repent of their sins, confess Christ, and is baptized for the remission of sins is added to His body, the church. ***Acts 2.47.***

#### B) With God there is no “red tape”

1. The word of God is not written in code or contains “fine print” it was written so as to understand able and do able.

*how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Ephesians 3:3-4*

2. People in the first century had to listen, understand and they obey the word of God.

*And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Acts 16:30-33*

**C) The "Unexpected" timing of Christ's return.**

1. We know Christ will return but we do not know when.

*<sup>32</sup> "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. <sup>35</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" Mark 13:32-37*

2. What do you do, when you know the certainty of an event but not when it will occur? Jesus says to get ready.

**D) Some will not want to leave something or someone behind.**

1. Family and loved ones.

*"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Luke 16:27-28*

2. No loved one will want you in hell.
3. Your obedience or disobedience to the Gospel will not change their condition.
4. The best opportunity you have to save your loved one is to obey the Gospel.

**E) Not taking their salvation seriously**

1. Many will whistle beyond the grave yard. Why?
2. This world is the only thing they know and they just can't believe God will punish people in hell.

*Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day 2 Peter 3:1-8*

**F) Procrastination**

1. Wait till tomorrow, a better time, when things get easier, etc.
2. Hell will be filled with believers who waited too long.

*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to*

*receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For He says:*

*“In an acceptable time I have heard you,*

*And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”*

*Behold, now is the accepted time;*

*behold, now is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:1-2***

**Conclusion:**

Do not be left behind on the Day of judgement.