The Unexpected

Intro: One winter with snow on the ground and the temperature below freezing, I was working outside. The last thing I expected that day was a sunburn, but I received one. There are many things in this life that are unexpected. Today I want us to look at some spiritual things that are unexpected.

I. In Salvation
   A. We never know who will obey the Gospel.
      1. Some we expect to obey but never do.
      2. Some we do not expect to obey will.
      3. Mark 2:15-17 “And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. 16And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? 17When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

   B. Our duty is to preach and teach the Word of God.
      1. 1 Cor. 1:18-21 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”
      2. 1 Cor. 3:5-9 “Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.”

   3. Parable of the sower; Mat. 13

II. The Judgment
   A. There are those who do not expect there to be a judgment.
      1. Heb. 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”
      2. Acts 17:31 “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

   B. There are those who expect a judgment but have not prepared for it.
      1. Those who know the truth but have not obeyed it.
      2. Those who obeyed the truth but have then gone back into the cares of this world.
      3. 1 The. 5:2-6 “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, nor of darkness. 5Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”
      4. Luke 12:35-40 “Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; 36And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. 37Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall
find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. 40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.”

C. Those who think they are right with God but are not.

1. One who have been mislead
2. Members of the body of Christ
   a. Those that only attend Sunday morning services.
   b. Those who attend but do not do the work which God has set forth.
3. Mat. 7:22-23 “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”
4. 1 Cor. 10:12 “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

III. Death

A. Luke 12:20 “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”

B. Jam. 4:14 “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

Conclusion: Obey the Gospel of Christ so when death does come our way we will be properly prepared for the judgment.