

SOME CERTAINTIES

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Let's review "**some certainties**" discussed in the Scriptures:

All have gone astray. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." {Isaiah 53:6}

The prophet Isaiah tells us that all men had turned aside from obeying God's commandments. Because of this, we were in need of a Good Shepherd to bring us back into the fold. Jesus brought us back by dying and paying the price for our sins. {2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7}

All have sinned. "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin." {Romans 3:9}

Paul, in writing his letter to the saints in Rome, correctly pointed out that Jews and Gentiles had the same spiritual problem - all were guilty of sin {Romans 3:23}. Since all men were in this spiritual condition, all needed a remedy for, and solution to, their sin problem. Jesus Christ provided that solution. {Luke 19:10; Romans 5:6-9; Hebrews 2:14,15}

Death comes to all. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." {Romans 5:12} Spiritual death results from committing sin {Romans 6:23}. All people, by committing sin, have separated themselves from God - none are immune!

Judgment awaits all. "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." {Hebrews 9:27} All people will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account of their lives. {2 Corinthians 5:10}. The dispensation - Patriarchal, Mosaic or Christian - during which they lived matters little. All must give account of their lives. God will be fair and just in judging our works in comparison to His divine standard.

Today, men say that death and taxes are sure. While this may certainly be true in the physical realm, there also are some spiritual certainties. Men don't have to believe God or prepare for them, but one thing is for sure no one is exempt from these certainties! ***