“Boldness In The Day Of Judgment”  
1 John 4:17-19

Introduction:
A. People react to “the day of judgment” differently.
   1. Indifferent.
   2. Doubtful.
      a. Its reality.
      b. Its results.
   3. Fearful.
   4. Hopeful.
B. Christians should react to “the day of judgment” boldly.
   1. Opposite of doubt, fear and timidity.
C. Christians should view all aspects Judgment with bold assurance.

Discussion:
I. We Should Feel Assured Of Its REALITY. (Acts 17:30,31).
   A. As real as the resurrection of Christ.
   B. As real as death itself. (Heb. 9:27).
   C. As real as the word of God. (2 Pet. 3:5-9).
II. We Should Feel Assured Of Its RESULTS. (1 John 4:17).
   A. Not all who “look for” it should “look forward to” it.
      1. Sinners can “look for” the judgment. (Heb. 10:26,27).
      2. Christians should look forward to judgment. (2 Pet. 3:11-14).
   B. Not all who “look forward to” it should - false assurance.
      1. A false view of the nature of God.
         a. Of His goodness.
         b. Of His grace. (cf. Rom. 4:6-8, 1 John 1:7,9).
      2. A false view of the nature of assurance.
         a. A clear conscience. (Acts 23:1)
         b. A subjective feeling, rather than objective evidence.
      3. A false sense of security — Lukewarm members (Rev. 3:15-19)
   C. Not all who should “look forward to” it do - weak faith.
      1. Need stronger faith in the promises of God. (2 Pet. 3:9)
         b. Of our reward (Rev. 2:10;2 Tim. 4:6-8; Phil. 1:21).
      2. Need stronger faith in God's help. (Rom. 8:26-30; Heb. 4:16).
         a. With our temptations (1 Cor. 10:12,13; 2 Thess. 3:3,4).
         b. With our commitment to Him. (2 Tim. 1:12).
      3. Need better understanding of sin.
         a. What sin is.
            (1) Lawlessness — commission and omission. (1 John 3:4).
            (2) Often depends of ability, opportunity, and knowledge. (Gal 6:10; Jas. 4:17)
         b. What sin is not.
            (1) Temptation is not sin. (James 1:14,15).
            (2) Poor judgment is not necessarily sin. (1 Cor. 7:36).

Conclusion:
A. Can approach day of judgment with boldness:
   1. If we obey him. (Heb. 5:8,9).
   2. If turn from sin to serving him.
B. Can our hope be so uncertain and still be hope?