

to have many many surprises on that glorious day. It's going to be wonderful when we meet our old friends; when we meet together with people who have died long ago whom we have loved and we meet them at that time. We are going to have wonderful experiences that way, but I think the most wonderful will be the some of the surprises we will have as we ascend into heaven and we see those things that we did not think we had any effect on with our frequent witnessing to them, and yet we see that the effect is something far beyond anything we realized, that the Lord had actually taken them to Himself and they are there. What surprises people will have.

And another surprise many people will have: people who argue and squabble over how to perform a certain ceremony or some particular detail of our belief, or some other aspect that good Christian people differ on, and will see others ascending to heaven along with them just as truly belonging to Christ as they do, even though differing on points to which they perhaps had given an exaggerated importance. We will have this unity of the body of Christ emphasized, made real to us in a way perhaps none of us realized, as we see ourselves ascending to heaven with those who have died in Christ and with those who are living and have believed in Christ. What a marvellous experience that will be!

Our Lord emphasizes the fact that we don't know when He is coming. He emphasized that repeatedly in the Gospels. We find in Mat. 24 he told us we should be ready. He said, If people tell you the time has come, don't believe them because they are not to know. He says in 24:24, There shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders.