



(SLIDE #1) WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER I'LL BE THERE!

Introduction:

A. **(Slide #2)** Hymn: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There"

Verse 1:

"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus:

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

(Slide #3) Verse 2:

On that bright and cloudless morning
When the dead in Christ shall rise
And the glory of His resurrection share
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus:

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

(Slide #4) Verse 3:

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn 'til setting sun

Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus:

When the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder
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When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.”

B. History Of The Hymn:

1. This hymn was written by James Milton Black in 1893.
2. He was a Sunday School teacher.
3. He met a fourteen year old girl who touched his heart. She was poorly clothed; she was the child of a drunkard.
4. He invited her to attend their Sunday School class; she came.
5. One Sunday when he was taking the class roll, she was absent.
6. This caused Black to think about how heartbreaking it would be if someone wasn't in Heaven.
7. Black went to check on the girl; she had pneumonia!
8. After checking on the child he went home and searched the hymnal trying to find a song on the subject. He was deeply troubled when he thought of someone not being in the Lamb's Book of Life.
9. Since he could not find a song, he compose the hymn “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There.”
10. Ten days later, the girl was better, returned to the class, and answer the roll call!

C. Examples Of Roll Call:

1. **(Slide #5)** Classroom in School
2. **(Slide #6)** Police
3. **(Slide #7)** Military

4. (Slide #8) Congress -- Senate and House when they vote.

I. (Slide #9) Events Of The Last Day:

- A. (Slide #10) I Thess. 4:16,17 “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. ¹⁷Then 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.”
 1. The Lord is going to descend from Heaven!
 - a. Ac. 1:11 The angel said to the Apostles: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”
 - b. Mt. 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”
 2. It is going to be AWE-INSPIRING!
 - a. Shout
 - b. Voice of the archangel
 - c. Trumpet of the Lord!
 3. As He descends, He brings the dead back with Him from Hades; they will be reunited with their bodies and resurrected. They will rise.
 - a. “When the dead in Christ shall rise And the glory of His resurrection share.”
 - b. Paul only addresses the righteous because Christians are asking about their dead brethren.
 4. THEN those who are alive on earth will be instantly changed and caught up together with the dead to meet the Lord in the air.
- B. (►) Time Shall Be No More!
 1. (Slide #11) II Pet. 3:7, 10-12 “⁷But 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.....¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?”

2. God is not in a hurry for the Judgment Day to come; He lives in a eternal realm, not a time realm!
 - a. II Pet. 3:8 “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.”
 - b. As long as people are seeking, He would not destroy them!
- C. **(Slide #12)** ALL Will Be Resurrected And Stand Before Christ!
1. Jn. 5:28,29 “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
 2. Rev. 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”
 3. Rev. 20:12,13 “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”
 4. NO ONE will miss it; ALL will be there (Many will wish they were not there)!
- D. (▶) All People Immediately Step Into Eternal Existence!
1. Jn. 5:28,29 “all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
 2. I Thess. 4:17 “Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”
- E. (▶) There Will Be A Separation Of The Righteous And The Wicked!
1. Mt. 13:49,50 “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,” ⁵⁰and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”
 2. **(Slide #13)** Jesus explains the separation of the sheep from the goats! Mt. 25:31-46
- F. **(Slide #14)** All The Saved With Be Gathered Together!
1. “When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore.”

2. I Thess. 4:13-17 The Lord brings Christians from Paradise; they are united to their resurrection bodies; then they are raised; the living are simultaneously changed and raised with them!
 3. What an AMAZING gathering!!!
- G. **(Slide #15)** Those Outside Of Christ Will Be Gathered Together And Sent To Hell!
1. **(Slide #16)** Mt. 13:49,50 “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”
 2. II Thess. 1:8,9 “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”
 3. Imagine being a part of THAT gathering -- you look around and it’s like, “WHAT AM I DOING HERE?”!
- H. **(Slide #17)** The Saved Will Go With Christ To Their Eternal Abode -- Heaven!
1. “When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies.”
 2. This is that home for which they have LONGED!
 - a. It is a new place of residence or abode! II Pet. 3:13 “Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”
 - b. I Pet. 1:4 “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”
 - c. Jn. 14:2,3 “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.”
- I. **(►)** We Will Meet Jesus Christ “Face To Face!”
1. Rev. 1:7 “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.”
 2. **(►)** He Will Be The Judge!
 - a. Jn. 5:22 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,”

- b. Ac. 17:31 “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
- 3. (►) His Word Will Be The Standard!
 - a. Jn. 12:47,48 “And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”
 - b. Our lives will be judged by what we have done in the body: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” II Cor. 5:10

II. (Slide #18) Will You Be Thrilled On That Day?

- A. Will Your Name Be In The Book Of Life?
- B. It Is The Book That Contains The Names Of The Saved!
 - 1. Phil. 4:3 “And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.”
 - 2. Rev. 3:5 “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”
- C. They Can Have Confidence And Boldness As They Face That Day! I Jn. 4:17 “Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.”
- D. They Will Receive The Crown Of Righteousness! II Tim. 4:8 “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”
- E. They Are The Only Ones Who Will Go To Heaven! Rev. 21:27 “But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”

- F. Christians, WORK NOW In View Of That Reward And Eternal Home!
1. “Let us labor for the Master from the dawn ‘til setting sun, Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care, Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,”
 2. Be devout, devoted, hard-working children of God who are eager for that moment!!!
 3. Give it your best!!!
 4. The Lord will reward you abundantly!!!! What an amazing event! Jesus will say to the faithful, “Well Done! Come And Go To Heaven With Me!”

III. (Slide #19) Will You Be Terrified On That Day?

- A. Rev. 20:15 “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”
- B. Those Who Refused To Obey Christ And His Will Are Not In The Book of Life!
1. Mt. 7:22,23 “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
 2. Rev. 22:18,19 “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.”
- C. (Slide #20) Those Who Are Not In The Book Of Life Face Hell Forever!

IV. (Slide #21) When Will You Confess Him? NOW Or THEN?

- A. We All Are Going To Confess Him!
1. Will It Be Now?
 2. Or Will It Be At The Judgment When It Is TOO LATE To Change Your Eternal Destiny?

- B. It Is GOING To Happen!
 1. Rom. 14:11 “For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.’”
 2. Phil. 2:9-11 “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

V. (Slide #21) When Will It Occur?

- A. (Slide #23) Mk. 13:32 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
- B. The Sad Thing Is That People Will Procrastinate, Convince Themselves That It Won’t Happen To Them, Promise To Do It Later, And Sadly Will Be Unprepared!
- C. The Time To Prepare Is NOW!
- D. Time And Opportunity Exist Now Because God Wants You To Respond!
 1. II Pet. 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
 2. Will you use the opportunity? Repent? Confess Your Faith? Be Baptized?
- E. (Slide #24) Then You Can Say, “Even So, ‘Come Lord Jesus!’”
- F. No, We Don’t Know When It Will Occur But We Know It Will!!
 1. The story is told about Winston Churchill and an attempt to have a meeting with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, and Churchill.
 2. He was asked, “When will the three of you meet?”
 3. He replied that he didn’t know, but he added, “When The Roll is Called Up Yonder, I’ll Be There!”
 4. You Will Too! Are You Ready For The Judgment Day?????