A PREPARED LIFE

Introduction:
1. E.g. of preparers for natural / political disasters.
2. We must live right to be prepared for eternity.
3. How does one live a prepared life?
4. We will discuss 3 ways to live a prepared life…

I. OBEYDENCE TO THE GOSPEL
   A. ACKNOWLEDGE SIN
      1. We have all sinned -Ro 3:23, 1Jn 1:8-10
      2. Sin separates us from God -Is 59:1, 2
      3. Wages of sin is death -Ro 6:23

   B. KNOW THE SAVIOR
      1. Jesus came to seek and save -Lk 19:10
      2. He gave His life a ransom for many -Mt 20:28
      3. Through His name only can we be saved -Ac 4:12

   C. FOLLOW HIS WILL
      1. One will not enter heaven apart from obedience -Mt 7:21-23; Jn 14:15
      2. Steps of salvation:
         a. Hear the message -Ro 10:
         b. Believe in Jesus -Jn 8:24
         c. Repent of our sins -Lk 13:3, 5
         d. Confess Jesus before men -Lk 12:8, 9
         e. Be baptized into Christ -Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38
         f. Faithful living -Re 2:10; Co 1:19-23

II. GUARD AGAINST SIN
   A. KNOW OUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL
      1. He is like a roaring lion -1Pe 5:8
      2. He transforms into an angel of light -2Co 11:14
      3. We are not ignorant of his devices -2Co 2:11

   B. KNOW OUR COUNTER MEASURES
      1. Have a predetermined mindset -Ez 7:10
      2. Fill our heart with God’s word -Co 3:16
      3. Pray regularly -1Th 4:16
      4. Fellowship -He 10:25, 26
III. ABOUND IN THE WORK OF THE LORD -1Co 15:58

A. THE WORK OF THE LORD
   1. The physical needs of others -Ja 2:14-ff; 1Jn 3:16, 17
   2. The emotional needs of others – (sick/prison) Mt 25:
   3. The spiritual needs of others – Ep 3:10; Mt 28:18-20

B. THE RESULTS
   1. Less opportunity for sin
   2. Increased focus on the goal ahead

Conclusion:
1. Jesus tells us of two roads we can take -Mt 7:13, 14
2. We can be certain we are on the narrow path by living a prepared life.