

PREPARED FOR HEAVEN

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6

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Introduction:

1. E.g. -Wal-Mart placing out seasonal merchandise quickly.
2. "Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people."

I. WE HAVE TO BE "IN CHRIST"

A. SOME EXAMPLES:

1. In the ark -Ge 6-9
2. In the fold -Lk 15:4-7
3. In the book of Life -Lk 10:20

B. OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL

1. Hear (Mt 13:9), Believe (Jn 8:24), Repent (Lk 13:3), Confess (Lk 12:8, 9)
2. Baptism puts us into Christ -Ro 6:4; Ga 3:26, 27

II. WE HAVE TO GROW "IN CHRIST"

A. SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT -1Pe 2:2; He 5:12-14

B. JESUS EXPECTS US TO GROW

1. "Have you not read..." -Mt 12:3
2. "Are you still without understanding?" -Mt 15:16
3. "Have I been with you so long..." -Jn 14:9
4. "I am the vine; you are the branches" -Jn 15:5

III. WE HAVE TO REMAIN "IN CHRIST"

A. LAY ASIDE EVERY SIN -He 12:1, 2

B. REMAIN FOCUSED ON THE PROMISES -2Pe 1:3, 4

1. God would send His Son into the world -Ge 3:15
 - a. Promise made -Ge 3:15
 - b. Promise kept -Jn 1:14; 3:16
 - c. Jesus died for our sins -1Co 15:3, 4
 - d. Through His blood we have redemption -Ep 1:7
2. We can become partakers of the divine nature -ie. We can be holy as God is holy -1Pe 1:16; 2Co 7:1
3. We have escaped the corruption in the world through lust
 - a. This led to destruction -Ga 5:19-21; 1Co 6:9-11
 - b. We should have no desire to return -2Pe 2:20-22; Ro 6:20-23

Conclusion:

1. Have you ever been unprepared for something (e.g. Test, reports, etc.)?
2. We must not be unprepared for heaven. We don't have to be!