

Preparing for Ever!

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This Study: **Being always ready to meet Jesus**

Hebrews 9:27 Once to die then the judgment
Luke 16 Hell is an actual place
1 Corinthians 9:24 One winner in a race
Ephesians 5:15 Be careful how you live
Acts 10:34 No favorites with God
Galatians 6:15 A new creature
Jeremiah 13:10 These evil people refuse to listen
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word
John 3:3 Unless one is born again
John 3:16 God did so love the world
John 16:33 When He the Spirit of truth is come

With the time God has given us—our focus and energy must be used in preparing for the return of the Savior—ready to meet Him with our sins forgiven and heart cleansed of any idol. This is more important than anything else in life.

Everyone has only so much time and what they *do* with it is vitally important! The *correct* use of our time will head us in the *right* direction and prepare us for the *right* destination! It is difficult to imagine no time to control our day—no clocks, no watches—time will not exist. Preparing for this “*for Ever*” event eclipses everything else we could consider.

God’s *Truth* from His *Word* must be *known*; must be *understood*; must be *accepted*; and must

be actually *lived* every day. Our spiritual preparation for God’s kingdom—under His teaching and training program—must command our attention! This readiness is *vital* and can only take place *here*!

Everyone will spend eternity in *one* of *two* places! It *can* be in God’s Kingdom called *Heaven*—where believers glorify God forever! Or it will be the devil’s abode called *Hell*—where unbelievers suffer in torment forever!

It is *upsetting* to think about a place of never-ending torment—but it is *real* and *most* people go there—because most people do *not* believe God and they will *not* trust Him by faith for anything.

The man being tormented in flames **Luke 16** shows how *real* such a place is; how *serious* it is, and how *forever separated* he is from all he once knew and loved! He could not be given even a drink of water.

Adding to his horrible predicament would be his *family* eventually joining him. There could *not* be a worse situation to be in—and it *could* have been avoided; and it *could* have been so *different*, with his loved ones following his example of trust on God, had he shown them that, and uniting with them in Heaven!

The *suffering* in the world *ends* at some point—but the suffering in Hell *never* ends! Our eternal soul can only be prepared for Heaven *here* and *now* in *this* life—it *is* the only opportunity.

AV Hebrews 9:27 “*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*”

Satan does not want our preparation for Heaven to take place and will use *anyone* or *anything* to prevent it. We must understand the importance of spiritual growth—and we should *thank* God every day that He is preparing us by giving us spiritual lessons.

This *life* is the only opportunity we have to get ready for Heaven—we must live in a way that qualifies us for that marvelous place. **NKJV 1 Corinthians 9:24** “*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.*”

Time is short so **WEY Ephesians 5:15** “*be very careful how you live and act. Let it not be as unwise men, but as wise. 16 Buy up your opportunities [redeeming the time av], for these are evil times.*” He adds **17** “*do not prove yourselves wanting in sense, but try to understand what the Lord’s will is*”—which is to trust Him in faith for every *thing* every *day*!

This life is the opportunity we have for spiritual growth and readiness for Heaven! We *have* to take advantage of the *time*—because it is short! Jesus *died* on the cross and He *rose* to life so we could be *free* from Satan’s influence. Jesus *restores* the blessings *lost* through Adam’s sin. The *resurrection* of Christ guarantees the *promise* of God.

Religious teaching today generally *nullifies* the power of the Cross—that is a hindrance to being prepared for Heaven. All too many believe that *God* has changed, which means that *Jesus*, the *Holy Spirit*, and the *Atonement* for sin has changed—but they have *not* changed!

Most think that God does *not* do things like He did in the Bible—but that means He would not prepare anyone for Heaven either. A minister must teach the congregants how to meet things according to NT instruction—and be taught about *acting in faith* on the *living God*.

A righteous life is *only* by a believing *faith* in the Blood of Jesus—for divine *healing* and *protection* without drugs or firearms. *Believing* faith includes *answers* to prayer for *money*; for *peace* at home; for *enlightenment*; for

training children; for *work* issues; and for everything *else*.

God's Word tells us that He has *not* changed **Malachi 3:6; James 1:17**. God is no respecter of persons—of any *age, culture, or nation* **Acts 10:34**. Whatever God did for anyone in the Bible He would *have* to do today—when conditions of faith are followed. **Acts 3:16** WEY “*It is His name—faith in that name being the condition—which has strengthened this man.*”

It is as *wrong* to believe that God *has* changed as it was for the *Jews* to believe Jesus was not God. Accepting either lie would take a person to Hell. Satan tries to convince us that God does *not* manifest His power today.

Thinking that God *as* changed and going our own way is the root of all other sins. The worst attitude to have is to believe that God *has* changed—because His Word says that He *cannot* change. Believing the *lie* that God has *changed* will affect where *eternity* is *spent*!

Jeremiah 13:10 NIV “*These wicked [evil AV] people, who refuse to listen to my words, who follow the stubbornness of their hearts and go after other gods to serve and worship them, will be like this belt—[that is too short]—completely useless!*”

To receive eternal life, we will have to believe an *unchanged God*; an *unchanged Christ*; an *unchanged Holy Spirit*; and an *unchanged Atonement for sin*—because a different *Jesus* is *no God* at all.

John 1:1 [all translations] “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*” God's *Word* does not change; His *promises* do not change; His *Son* does not change; and the *Holy Spirit* is always the same.

Everyone chooses to *believe* what they *want* to believe—we are responsible for the *choice* we make. The *right choice* is to *listen* to God and to

prove in our own life that what He did for believers in the Bible He will do for us today.

Most people believe God has changed—this hinders spiritual growth. AV **2 Corinthians 4:4** “*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*”

Accepting the devil's *lies* and rejecting the Bible's *Truth* has robbed millions of what Jesus died to give them—not only in this *short* life but in the next *eternal* one as well. If there is no true repentance or conversion of heart, they will go to the flames with no one to blame but themselves because the Bible taught differently.

The conditions to be ready for Heaven have been *ignored* or *refused* by most people in the world. Millions have no idea what the conditions are—and they generally believe that if they are honest; live a decent moral life; and believe that the resurrection of Jesus actually happened they will go to Heaven.

All too many religious people are preached into heaven by the minister—even if the deceased did *not* meet the Bible's qualifications for it. The qualifications are—**1** a new birth; **2** a surrender of our will to God; and **3** spiritual growth by the Holy Spirit AV **John 16:13** “*When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.*”

Jesus told Nicodemus that *step one* is being born again—but that was just a *first* and *important* step in preparing. NKJV **John 3:3** “*Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*”

The *old* attitude that *will not* trust God for anything must be replaced with a *new* attitude that *will* trust God for everything. Preparing is being reborn—it is a *new birth* that results in—“*a new creature*” **Galatians 6:15**.

A born-again person will not oppose any clear teaching of the Bible. Just believing historical Bible facts does not give a one-way ticket to Heaven—but truly *believing* on the Atonement Blood of Christ for a true conversion of the heart—and then living a life of faith in that sacrifice for sins *will* have us ready!

YLT **John 3:16** “*God did so love the world, that His Son—the only begotten—He gave, that every one who is believing in him may not perish.*” Believing *in* Jesus means believing in faith *on* the Blood sacrifice He made for us—and it touches every issue of life.

It means to trust in faith on Him and *knowing* that our *sins* are *forgiven*. It is to *know* that we can enjoy good health; that we can be delivered from Satan's oppressions; that we can be filled with the Holy Spirit; and that we can have every need every day by trusting God.

God always *forgives* our sins when we always *confess* and *forsake* them **1 John 1:9**. The Holy Spirit *then* inspires us to *believe* that this forgiveness of sin is a *true fact*—a fact that is based on the *authority* of God's Word and on the *merit* of His Son's sacrifice.

Believing *that* prepares us **for ever** in *Heaven*!



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