

**A Prepared People a**

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RESPONSIBLE	NEIGHBOR	ACCOUNTABLE	JUST
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TRUST	REFUGE	GOSPEL	JESUS
PATIENCE	LOVE MAN	TEACH	FAITH
FAITHFUL	PURE	HEART	MIND
SOUL	STRENGTH	PREPARE	MEET GOD

**IV. Out of Fear and Into Love:**

- A. Mk. 12:29-31 – Love God/neighbor
- B. 1 Jn. 4:15-21 – No fear in love.
- C. Titus 1:1-2 – God has promised eternal life.
- D. Titus 3:4-7 – A hope, not of works, but according to His mercy.
- E. Titus 2:11-14 – The gospel was provided that we might look forward to that hope.
- F. Psa. 78:1-8 – Tell the coming generation.

**THE PSALMIST SAYS**

Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I will take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.  
Psalms 18:2

# “A Prepared People”

## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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**Meeting Location**

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### Responsibility and Accountability

Responsibility, i.e., to be responsible, is something we accept or deny, and accountability, i.e., accountable, is something we face.

Biblically, mankind has two primary responsibilities: “The first is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these” (Mk. 12:29-31).

Biblically, mankind will be held accountable for how these two commandments are observed: “For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

In our last post (Blessings and Responsibility to God) we considered our responsibility to God. In this, let us consider our Responsibility to Others.

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Jesus put it this way: "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). In what manner can a man fulfill this standard?

**Responsibility: To Love them**

This love is an active good will: "Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered. Love seeks the welfare of all" (Rom. 15:2)... "love seeks opportunity to do good to 'all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith' " (Gal. 6:10) [Vine's].

**Accountability:**

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry, and ye did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not" (Matt. 25:41-43).

**Responsibility: To Teach them**

Paul to Timothy: "And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

Paul to the Ephesian Elders: "I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20-21).

**Accountability:**

"Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27).

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### I. Being Prepared:

- A. 2 Tim. 2:21 - "meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work"
- B. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 - "furnished completely unto every good work"
- C. 2 Tim. 4:2 - When prepared, Timothy would be able to "preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."
- D. 1 Pet. 3:15 - Therefore, be "ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you"

### II. The Scriptures Teach:

- A. God holds man accountable:
  - 1. 2 Cor. 5:10 - "we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ"
  - 2. 2 Cor. 5:9 - "make it our aim"
  - 3. 2 Cor. 5:11 - Knowing that we "persuade men"
  - 4. Heb. 9:27 - "it is appointed unto men once to die"
  - 5. Amos 4:12 - "prepare to meet thy God"
- B. Two conditions:
  - 1. 1 Pet. 1:4 - Heaven
  - 2. Eph. 5:6 - The wrath of God
  - 3. Gal. 6:7-8 - There is a choice
- C. Jam. 2:14-24 - Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.

### III. Fear of the Lord is Essential:

- A. Prov. 1:7; Eph. 5:33 - Beginning of Knowledge
- B. Spiritually: Eph. 6:4; 1 Thess. 2:10-11 - Obligations of a father

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