

Prepare To Meet Thy God

I. Preparation is Essential in Life:

- A. Jehovah Prepared:
 - 1. Psa. 9:7-8 - For a day of judgement
 - 2. Acts 17:31 – An appointed day of judgement
 - 3. Matt. 25:31-34 - A kingdom for the righteous
 - 4. Matt. 25:41 - Prepared the eternal fire for the devil and his angels
- B. Matt. 25:1-13 - Blessings for being prepared
- C. God has already prepared that the child of God be active unto good works.
 - 1. Eph. 2:10 - Should walk in them
 - 2. 2 Tim. 2:21 - Meet for the Master's use

II. All Should Prepare Because:

- A. Heb. 9:27 - Each and everyone have an appointment scheduled with God.
- B. Amos 4:12 - God has commanded it.
- C. 2 Thess. 1:7-12 - It will be a glorious occasion.
- D. 2 Pet. 3:8-14 - The day of the Lord will come as a thief.
- E. When the day of the Lord does come, it will be too late to prepare.

- 1. 1 Thess. 4:13-17 - Of the sorrow of being unprepared
- 2. 1 Cor. 15:50-58 - That day will come in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

Warnings Concerning Teachers of a Different Gospel

- 1. Paul – “I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema...” (Gal. 1:6-8).
- 2. Peter – “But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction” (2 Pet. 2:1).
- 3. John – “Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son (2 Jn. 9).

Who are these messengers that “pervert the gospel of Christ”? Who are those that “bring in destructive heresies”? Who are the teachers that “abideth not in the teaching of Christ”?

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Cor. 11:13-15).
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How to Identify False Teachers

- 1. “For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake” (Titus 1:10-11).
- 2. “As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema. For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:9-10).

An intelligent Creator created a creature with intellectual capabilities, and instructs that intelligent creature: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (1 Jn. 4:1).

“Wherefore he saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee. Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:14-17).

Think about it: A false teacher will affirm that an individual is saved by “faith only.” If that were so, then the scriptures have it all wrong! Why? James 2: Vs. 14 — “What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?” Vs. 17 — “Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself.” Vs. 24 — “Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.” ret

Do You Believe That God Is?

The scriptures affirm: (emphasis mine)

Rom. 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel: *for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth*; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Rom. 10:10 – “for with the heart man *believeth unto righteousness*; and with the mouth *confession is made unto salvation*”

2 Cor. 7:10 – “For godly sorrow worketh *repentance unto salvation.*”

1 Pet. 2:1-3 – “Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, *long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation*; if ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

Heb. 11:1 – “Now **faith is assurance of things hoped for**, a conviction of things not seen.”

Heb. 11:6 – “*without faith* it is impossible to be well-pleasing *unto him*; for *he that cometh to God must believe that he is*, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that seek after him”

Do you believe that God is? If so, Good for you.

Jam. 2:19-20 – “*Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder*. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren?” Hmmmm...must be something more. ret

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JEHOVAH	JUDGEMENT	APPOINTED
KINGDOM	RIGHTEOUS	BLESSINGS
ONCE TO DIE	GLORY	WALK
WORTHY	COMMAND	SORROW
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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

1 Kings 13:1-32; 2 Kings 23:16-18
Matthew 7:15-20, 21-23; Deuteronomy 13:1-18



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

How to Avoid Falling Prey to False Teachers

Is there a simple way to detect a false teacher? Yes

“Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Ask yourself the question: Do the scriptures say what the false teacher says it says? Example:

Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Gal. 3:27 – What do these passages affirm? You can read!

The passages do not say that baptism is an “outward sign of an inward grace.” If so, where? ret