

FROM THE WORD --

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Prepared for what? -- you may wonder -- *"Prepared to give an answer!"* Prepared to give an answer to what? *"Prepared to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the Hope that is within you"* (1 Peter 3:15).

The Hope in this statement is the Hope of Eternal Salvation and the Promise of a home in Heaven forever.

Again, seriously think about this business of being Prepared to give an answer.

If a person, friend or stranger, approaches you with the question of your assurance of Eternal Security exactly how will you answer?

You may say, "Well, I'm a member of the Church." "Well, I do my very best to live a pure and clean life." "I memorized, some time ago, the Ten Commandments and do my best to live by them." "I give money to the Church whenever it is possible." "As a child I attended classes and was accepted into the Church." "I was baptized."

All well and good -- but are these the requirements laid out in the Bible, God's Book of instructions for this life and the life ahead after death.

Jesus said, *"Except a man be Born Again he CANNOT see the Kingdom of God"* (John 3:5). He also said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life -- NO man comes to the Father, but by Me"* (John 14:6).

God has definite rules set down for the proper relationship between HE and us -- it is HIS requirements for entrance to Heaven -- not what we think, not what we have heard, not what we may have been taught in some Church or religious organization -- it is HIS requirements and directly from HIS Written Word -- the BIBLE.

Some say there are many roads to Heaven -- there are many different rules laid down by different Churches -- today there is "Political Correctness" to consider and we must be tolerant of these other beliefs.

The Bible is a Book of Love -- of Forgiveness -- of Assurance -- of the Only Way to please God, and the Only Way to get to Heaven.

If you're thinking, "Well, that sounds very narrow," you are exactly right. Jesus Himself told us, *"Enter by the narrow gate -- for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in by it -- but -- narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way, which leads to Life, and few there are who find it"* (Matthew 8:13,14).

"God is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish,*

but have Everlasting Life” (John 3:16). These two verses prove the Love that God has for you and me, and every person born on this earth, and the provision He has made for us all to “have Life and that we might have it More Abundantly” (John 10:10).

“GOD IS LOVE” (1 John 4:8,16). “Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent His Son to be the total and final sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

NOW -- ARE YOU PREPARED? Are you in a proper relationship with the God of Heaven, to share that Good News with others when you are asked? Do you know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? Have you asked him to come into your life and forgive you of all your sins -- past, present and future?

“BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST -- AND YOU WILL BE SAVED!” (Acts 16:31).

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