

“Prepared for Heaven”

John 14:1-6

Introduction

- I. It has often been said that “Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people”.
- II. Let us examine those two necessities to determine whether or not adequate preparation has been done.

Discussion

- I. “Heaven is a prepared place...”
 - A. Jesus understood that the disciples would have been upset with His departure.
 - B. The Lord took the opportunity to encourage His followers after they had received some disturbing news (John 13:18-22, 36-38; 14:1-3).
 - C. There should be as much faith in Christ as there is in the Father.
 - D. There is plenty of “room” in Heaven.
 1. We have a “reservation” waiting for us (1 Pet. 1:3-5).
 2. We seek a spiritual “house” (2 Cor. 5:1-8).
 - E. Even though Jesus left, He is going to come again.
 1. We do not know when that will happen (Matt. 24:36).
 2. We should find comfort in His return (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- II. “...for a prepared people.”
 - A. Thomas wanted to be ready and prepared, but he was not sure how to be (John 14:4-5).
 - B. Trying to prepare in any other way is fruitless.
 - C. The only Way to Heaven is Jesus Christ (John 14:6).
 1. Jesus died that we might have access to Heaven (Rom. 5:6-9).
 2. There is no other name that can give access to Heaven (Acts 4:12).
 - D. Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6).
 1. Jesus is God, and it is not possible for God to lie (John 1:1-5; Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:2; 1 Pet. 2:22).
 2. We can have complete confidence in Christ.
 - E. Jesus is the Life (John 14:6).
 1. Jesus gives both physical and spiritual life (John 1:3; 3:36).
 2. Jesus is the reason that we can have everlasting life (John 3:16; Heb. 5:9; cf. His blood 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Conclusion

- I. Are we prepared for Heaven (Matt. 24:42-44)?
- II. There is no better time to prepare than now.