

I. THINGS TO PREPARE FOR

- A. DEATH & THE INTERMEDIATE STATE** (Lk.16:19f; Heb.12:23; see *WCF*,32, etc.)
- B. RESURRECTION & THE FINAL STATE** (Jn.5:29; Acts 24:15; see *WCF*,33, etc.)
- C. CONCLUSION: PLAN FOR ULTIMATE RETIREMENT** (i.e., Spiritual Security, for OK one)

II. REASONS TO PREPARE

- A. JUDGMENT AT EACH** (Lk.16:19f; Heb.12:23; 1Pt.3:19; & Rom.2:16; 14:10; 2Cor.5:10)
- B. END OF OPPORTUNITY AT DEATH** (Lk.12:21; 16:19f; Heb.9:27)
- C. CONCLUSION: REDEEM THE TIME** (Eph.5:16f; 2Cor.6:2; Heb.3:7f; 4:7f)

III. HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR PLACE OF LIFE

- A. ISSUE: PERFECTION** (Dt.4:40; 5:16; see Heb.2:10; 4:15; 5:9; 7:28)
- B. HEAVEN: UNION WITH CHRIST** (Rom.6:3f,23; Eph.2:5; see Heb.10:19)
- C. HELL: SEPARATE FROM CHRIST** (Eph.2:12; see Mt.8:12; 22:13; 25:30,41f; Rev.21:8)
- D. CONCLUSION: REPENT & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL** (Mk.1:15; see Acts 26:18; Col.1:13)

IV. HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

- A. ISSUE: THOUGHTS, WORDS, DEEDS** (Rom.2:16; Heb.4:12; Mt.12:36; Jn.5:29; 2Cor.5:10)
- B. BLESSING: OBEDIENCE** (Rom.2:5f; see Gal.5:22,23)
- C. CURSING: DISOBEDIENCE** (Rom.2:5f; see Gal.5:19-21)
- D. MITIGATIONS & AGGRAVATIONS** (1Cor.3:10-15; 2Jn.1:8)
- E. CONCLUSION: PUT OFF LOSS & PUT ON GAIN** (Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f; see 1Th.6:17f; Mt.6:19f)

V. BEST PRACTICES OF PREPARATION (see all conclusions above)

- A. WAKE UP FROM SIN & DEATH** (Eph.5:14f; see 2:1-10; see Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16)
- B. WATCH OUT FOR TEMPTATION** (Lk.22:40,46; 11:4; see 1Pt.5:8f; Acts 20:28)
- C. STAY ALERT TO THE MEANS OF LIFE** (Eph.6:18; Col.4:2; see Acts 2:42; 1Cor.11:27f)
- D. STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR ULTIMATE RETIREMENT** (Mt.24:42f; 25:1ff; Eph.5:14f; 1Tm.6:17f)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)