



**Preparing for**

**Heaven**

***John 14:1-6***

# Introduction

- Our journey will come to an end.
  - *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” **Heb 9:27***
- We have the hope of...
  - dwelling in *“a house not made with hands.”*  
**2 Cor 5:1-5**
  - an eternal inheritance. **1 Pet 1:3-5**
- ***Let us consider how we prepare for heaven.***

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*Let us consider a few passages that show us  
how to prepare for heaven.*

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- Christians are to “*seek those things which are above.*” **Col 3:1-4**
  - Seek those things above where Christ is. **v 1**
  - Set your mind on things above. **v 2**
  - Specific changes are listed in Colossians 3:5-17.

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- A Christian must “*run with endurance.*”  
***Heb 12:1-2***
  - Lay aside every weight and sin... **v 1**
  - Run with endurance... **v 1**
  - Looking unto Jesus... **v 2**

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- A Christian must “*run in such a way.*”  
**1 Cor 9:24-27**
  - Run... **v 24**
  - Is temperate (*exercises self-control*)... **v 8**
  - But I discipline... **v 27**

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the victor's crown

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- A Christian must “*endure temptation.*”  
***James 1:12-18***
  - Endures temptation... **v 12**
  - To those who love Him... **v 12**
  - Recognize the source of temptations. **v 13-18**

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- Christians must “*finish the race.*” **2 Tim 4:6-8**
  - Fought the good fight... **v 7**
  - Finished the race... **v 7; cf. Rev 2:10**
  - Kept the faith... **v 7**

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# Conclusion

- Are you prepared for heaven?
  - For the Christian,...
    - Seek those things which are above.
    - Run with endurance.
    - Run in such a way to win.
    - Finish the race.
    - *Remain faithful even unto death. Cf. Rev 2:10*

# Conclusion

- Are you prepared for heaven?
  - For the one lost in sin,...
    - Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. ***Heb 5:9***
    - Obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. ***Rom 1:16***