

# PACK YOUR BAGS!

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## I. THE KING IS COMING!

### A. *God Keeps His Promises*

- On Christmas day, God kept His promise.
- On Good Friday, God kept His promise.
- On Easter Sunday, God kept His promise.

### B. *Since God keeps His promises, we can be confident that the King will come again.*

- Only an all-powerful, all present, all-knowing God can perfectly fulfill every word He speaks.

### C. *“What difference should this make in my life now that I may be more ready for the future?”*

**Matthew 24:3 NIV** “Tell us, when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of age?”

**Matthew 24:36-42** “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

**Genesis 6:5** “EVERY inclination was evil...ALL the time!”

**2 Peter 3:4** They will say, “Where is this coming he promised.” Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.

**2 Peter 3:8** But don't forget this one thing, dear friends, With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

### D. *Not only should we obey the command to watch, we must be prepared for the greatest trip of our lives.*

**1 Corinthians 15:52** In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

## **II. IN PREPARATION FOR HEAVEN, PACK YOUR BAGS WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

### *1. Citizenship Documents – Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ*

Note the information on a passport:

#### **a) Name**

**Revelation 21:27** ...But only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- Citizenship in heaven is only available to those who have made a personal commitment to the Lordship of Christ.

#### **b) Birthdate**

**Romans 10:9** That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord...you will be saved.

- Do you have a spiritual birthday?

#### **c) Country of Origin**

**Philippians 3:20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *2. Christian Flag – Allegiance to Christ*

- Allegiance to Christ must include every compartment of our lives.
- **Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### *3. Walking Shoes – “Walk as Jesus did.”*

**1 John 2:6** Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

- “Christianity that costs nothing is worth nothing.” – Fire Bible Study Notes

#### 4. *God's Word – “Watch your life and doctrine closely.”*

- “If you do not know the truth, you will easily be fooled by error.” -Holman Commentary

**1 Timothy 4:16** Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save yourself and your hearers.

- “If the Bible calls it a sin, our opinion doesn’t really matter.” -Toby Mac

#### 5. *Gavel – Be in Awe of the Judge of the Earth.*

- The Judge of the earth will do what is right.

**2 Timothy 4:1** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom.