

Are Your Bags Packed?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

For some unknown reason, Our Trip to Heaven is NOT one most people are in a Hurry to make.

Today, we learn WHY you should have your Bags Packed for your heavenly trip.

In Preparing for a trip, there a Few Things we need to know...

1. WHEN ARE WE LEAVING? (vv. 1-3)

- WHEN Jesus Returns NO ONE will be Expecting it.
- If we're NOT Expecting Jesus we WON'T Be Prepared. (Matt. 24:36-39)
- Jesus will Return on what seems to be an ORDINARY day.
- Many think they are at Peace with God, but they're REALLY NOT...

2. WHO GETS TO GO? (vv.4-5)

- According to those verses Only Those who are Sons of the light...(Eph 5:8; Matt 5:15)
- “But YOU, brethren” draw a Sharp Contrast between those who are READY AND those who are NOT.
- NOT Everyone gets to go on the Trip...
- You MUST Accept Jesus as Savior AND Lord!

3. HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR THE TRIP? (vv.6-8)

- We better Be READY for Christ's return...
- God gives us Ample Notice...Jesus WILL Return & so BE ALERT!
- We are to continually Be ALERT & Be SELF-CONTROLLED!
- We're to Be Faithful to Jesus while waiting for His return.

4. WHO IS PAYING FOR THE TRIP? (vv.9-11)

- God does NOT want us to be LOST...HE PAID too high a price. (John 3:17)
- Does God HATE sin? (Proverbs 6:16-18)
- Just because we're saved does NOT give us Permission to LIVE our lives in sin.
- We EXIST to Encourage each other & Help each other do good things. (Heb. 10:24-25)
- If you CAN'T be Excited maybe it's because you're NOT Prepared...