

# BE PREPARED

*I have gone to prepare a place for you. John 14:2*

We traveled to New Orleans recently to visit our son and family. We knew no one would be home when we arrived, so instructions were given to gain entry.

Arriving before noon and stepping inside, we were greeted with comfortable temperatures and the entire home was waiting for our visit. Finding our assigned bedroom, we found the closet empty to accommodate our clothing etc. The décor was pleasing to the eye and nothing was out of place. How like, my daughter-in-law, Susan to think of every detail.

Unpacking and placing our clothing in the closet, I couldn't help but think that someday we are going to be ushered into God's presence to experience all He has prepared for us. My mind remembered the scripture of Jesus telling his disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them. His words of promise were "Where I am, you will be also."

When life as we know it ends here on earth, we will fully understand that Jesus' words are true. The Bible tells us that heaven's beauty is beyond description.

Let's consider the term "Prepare". **Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.** Instructions for gaining entry into eternal glory are given in scripture.

"How do I prepare?" The answer is simple as **ABC**.

Acknowledge that *all* have sinned. Romans 3:23

Believe that Jesus will forgive you. Ask Him to cleanse you from sin.

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10: 9.*

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Romans 10:10 (King James Version)

*Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, that you loved ME enough to give Your life for my salvation.*

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