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Reading - John ch 14 v 1-6

God is a faithful God so it is a good thing to be saved.

### A Great Peace

Why were the disciples troubled? They were going to be left on their own and faced an uncertain future. The Lord told them "believe in me" That is still what He says to us today - a great peace can be found through faith in Him, "a peace with passes all understanding" (Eph 3:19)

### A Great Place

The great place is the fathers house. Heaven is difficult to imagine. It is a peaceful place. People today wonder why life is so hard and there is so much suffering. God knows about all our troubles - He loves you more than you'll ever understand. He wants us to know He has prepared a place with no more sorrow or pain. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal! For those who believe and belong to the Lord Jesus Christ have a hope. We are heading home to heaven. When you are a Christian your eye is fixed on heaven and there is no place like home.

Heaven is God's family home for His children. Are you one of Gods children? How do you become a member of any family? You have to be born into it. Are you a real Christian? Are you born again? The Lord warned, "unless a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3). We need spiritual birth - turn from your sin and believe. You are never too young to be a Christian.

Heaven is a pure place, a holy place - the place of a Holy God. We all have standards of entry into our homes and Gods standard is perfect holiness. Sin cannot enter in. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). No matter how hard we try to be good it won't get you to heaven. God sees everything we do - we have failed the audition of life. The wonderful message of the Gospel is that God has prepared a way for sinners to get to heaven.

### A Great Preparation

"I go to prepare a place for you"

The Lord went back to heaven via the cross of Calvary. The cross is very important - He came into the world to save sinners. He went out of love for sinners like you and me. An entry price had to be paid to get into heaven. The price for us getting into heaven was paid by the Lord Jesus Christ in His own precious blood. That price included great pain and punishment. He was punished at the hands of God. He was the perfect holy one. God gathered all sins together and placed them on Him for our sin. He took the punishment so that enables God to forgive our sin and let us enter heaven. Entry into heaven is through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How do you get to heaven? Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life"

Way - The Lord is the only way to heaven; Truth - He is the reliable and trustworthy way to get to heaven;

Life - He is the eternal way to heaven. It is only through Him - He said, "I am the door" (John 10:9)

Why should God let you into heaven? Because He loves you "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:10)

### A Great Priority

It is a great priority to be prepared to get to heaven. Going to Church doesn't get you to heaven. People depend on many things to get to heaven but the only thing to do is to accept the Lord as your own and personal Saviour. It's the same way for all ages, sexes, rich, poor etc. Heaven is prepared for you but are you prepared for heaven. There is an awful place called hell and that's the place we go to if we don't trust in the Lord. Turn from your sin (repent), respond in faith to Him.

"Believe in me" - If you believe in Him your saved, prepared and ready for heaven.