

## **Are You Prepared?**

We all must be prepared to face the challenges life throws at us. We must also be spiritually prepared also because one day time will end, and God's judgement will happen.

Scripture is very clear on this, and we see this through the story about the rich young man.

In this encounter with Jesus, the young man wanted to be congratulated for the way he obeyed the commands, but instead he was challenged about the state of his heart.

Jesus broke through the young man's religious mind-set and faced him with his self-righteousness. He was essentially concerned only for his own welfare and was not prepared to receive eternal life, because his primary focus was on himself.

This story teaches us that it is quite possible to think we are prepared to enter God's Kingdom, when we are not.

Our righteousness may be focused on ourselves rather than on Jesus.

So, the question to ponder this week is:

Are you ready and prepared for God's kingdom?

We can prepare ourselves to meet God by first and foremost asking Jesus to forgive us and accepting Him as our Saviour.

Scripture tells us:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:9, 13.*

So, are you prepared?