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I Chronicles 22:5, “*And David said, Solomon my son [is] young and tender, and the house [that is] to be builded for the LORD [must be] exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will [therefore] now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.*”

The above verse is the only time in the Bible that the term “prepared abundantly” appears. David was making preparation for the house of the LORD. Before David died, he prepared abundantly for it.

In the verses preceding, David gathered great amounts of material for the house of the LORD. We are told he gathered iron and brass in abundance as well as cedar trees. He was gathering all these materials for something following his death. His son Solomon would be building the house of the LORD.

We spend so much time preparing for things in this life. We prepare for college, jobs, and retirement. We prepare for marriage and family. Certainly we need to prepare for events in our lives, but any of these might not come to pass.

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There is only one set of events that is guaranteed to us. That is death, judgment, and our eternal destiny. The writer in Hebrews 9:27 says, “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*”

This is guaranteed. Even those who do not believe in God do believe in death. They see it all around them. We certainly know that death is coming, and could be any moment, yet so many spend little time preparing for it. There are many ways we can prepare for death.

1. **Make sure you are saved.** We must have on the “helmet of salvation.” (Ephesians 6:17) We are saved by baptism. I Peter 3:21, “*The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*”

There are other actions leading to baptism. We certainly have to believe on the LORD, repent of our sins, and confess His name. But, baptism is what puts us into the LORD. Romans 6:3, “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*” Baptism washes away our sins, Acts 22:16, “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

2. **Make sure you stay saved.** Baptism is vital, yet we must continue to be faithful all of our days. It is possible to leave the LORD. Peter wrote that it’s far worse to leave the LORD than to have never obeyed Him. II Peter 2:20-21, “²⁰*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.* ²¹*For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sherry Crabtree, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth. Sandy Duncan** had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday. She is doing well and was expected to come home yesterday.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Agnes Seaton** who passed away Wednesday. She was a member of the Horse Cave congregation. Her son Steve has attended here often in the past.

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3. Things to do to stay saved. It's clear from the teachings of the Bible that we can leave the LORD. There are many things we can do to help us stay in a proper relationship with the LORD.

Study daily. Our constant studying helps us to correct anything we might be doing wrong. It strengthens and gives us hope and encouragement. Faith is built by studying. Romans 10:17, "*So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"

Worship every opportunity. To simply miss worship when we have no reason, is not acceptable to the LORD. Not only should we worship, but we should want to. We are with the saints, we praise and worship the LORD, we learn more about His word. We need to have the spirit of the psalmist when he wrote in Psalm 122:1, "*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*"

Pray often. Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:17, "*Pray without ceasing.*" This certainly doesn't mean every waking moment, but we are to constantly be praying to the LORD in thanksgiving, asking

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Sunday, February 12, 2023		
Classes	13	Mark 3:31-4:20
Preaching	22	Jude 1-7
Contribution	\$2383.00	
Evening	12	Amos 5
Wednesday, February 15, 2023		
Classes	17	Philippians 4:1-23

Visitors— Feb 12 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Amos said seek Him that maketh what?

Last Week's Answer— Thunder (Mark 3:17)

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for guidance, forgiveness, etc. We need to always be close to the LORD in prayer.

We do prepare for so much in this life, and much of it may never come. Death is guaranteed. Prepare abundantly for it.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)