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Packing for the Trip

Most Americans love to go on vacation trips. Get away from the trials of regular ever day life. Renew our spirit so to speak. Guess we've all done it and many still do. For me, the worst part of any trip was getting ready. One thing the military taught me was how to pack. Each item of clothing had its place in the bag and was folded or rolled according to specifications. But the emphasis was not on the clothes but on being ready. My bag was always packed and we were always ready for that call.



Someday we will all be called to leave this earth and if we are packed and ready we will go live with Christ in that Heavenly Home that he has gone to prepare for us. (John 14:1-3) If we are not ready, "well you know " . . .

Paul writes that we know not if we will die like so many before us or if we will remain until Jesus returns. But this we know for sure, we will ALL depart. Knowing this, should we not be getting ready? When we go on vacation we plan for weeks, wondering where to go and what to do. Then finally the excitement sets in. Our plans are made and we are ready to go.

My friends, our trip to heaven is going to be far more exciting that anything we have ever seen or done. The beloved Apostle John wrote in Revelations chapter 21 saying that he was carried away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and the angel of the Lord showed him the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

He describes it as the most beautiful place that could ever be imagined. The gates are lined with pearls and the street was pure gold, like transparent glass. He said I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city had no need for the sun or the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. *Continued on the next page*

