

# Ready or Not?

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Lord willing, in the next couple of days, Miranda and I will welcome another child into this world. Needless to say, we are excited about meeting our new little one. Even Caden has been counting down the days until he is able to meet his little baby brother or sister.

Although we are expecting baby Morton's arrival on Tuesday, we have been living the last several days with the realization that he or she could make his or her entry into this world at any given moment, whether we are ready or not. Due to the uncertainty of when this life-changing event will take place, we have our bags packed and are ready to go whenever the time may come.

As Christians, we should be living every day of our lives anticipating an important event that will forever change our lives. Our anticipation is not for a baby being born, but for the return of our Lord. Jesus made a promise to His followers He would return someday to take home those who have lived their lives for Him (Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:11). What a glorious day that will be!

Unfortunately, none of us know when this glorious day will come. Jesus said, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only" (Matthew 24:36).

My question for you is, whenever the time may come, "Are you ready to go?" Just as the Mortons are living every day as "this could be the day," we as Christians should make the proper preparations now so we too can live every day in peace knowing "this could be the day."

Friends, we should start living our lives in light of eternity. Jesus is coming back, and he's going to take home only those who have obeyed His will (Matthew 7:21-23). Will you be among the crowd Jesus finds ready? If not, why not see to it today that you do everything possible to make sure you are prepared for His arrival.

Ready or Not...Jesus is coming!