

**AWAKE &
PREPARED**

Are you?

East Timor - 1999



The end of all things is at hand...

(1 Peter 4:7)



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Therefore...

- **Nothing of this world is permanent**
- **We don't know how long we have left**
- **The world will become increasingly hostile to Christ**
 - *“Many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because **lawlessness will be increased**, the love of many will grow cold.”* (Matthew 24:11-12)

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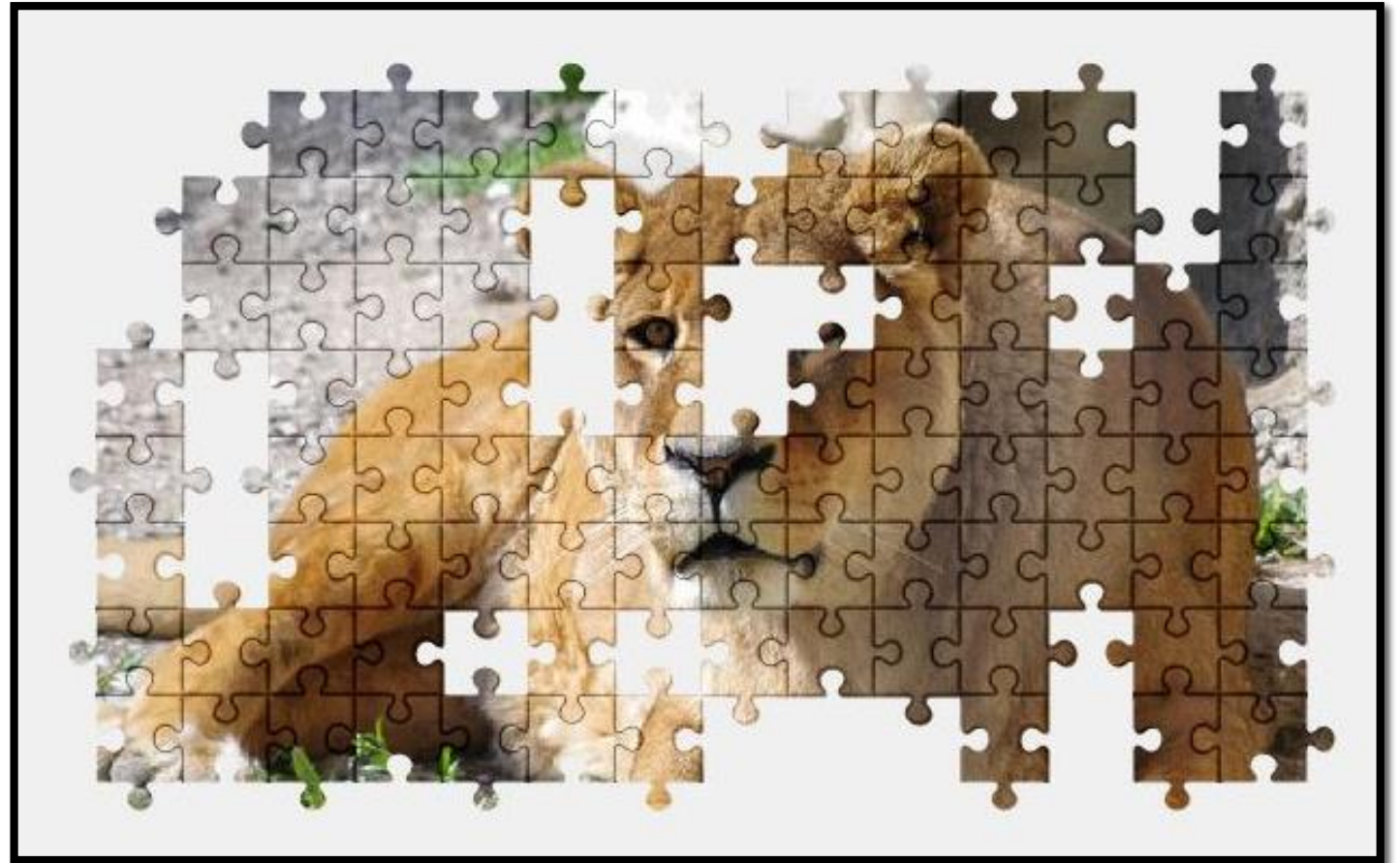
What sort of people must we be?

What will they write
on your headstone?



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As we begin to see the picture it makes more sense



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Physically,
in the body

Way of
thinking

Since Christ suffered in the flesh,
arm yourselves also with the same mind...

(1 Peter 4:1)

...who for the **joy** that was set before Him
endured **the cross**, despising **the shame...**

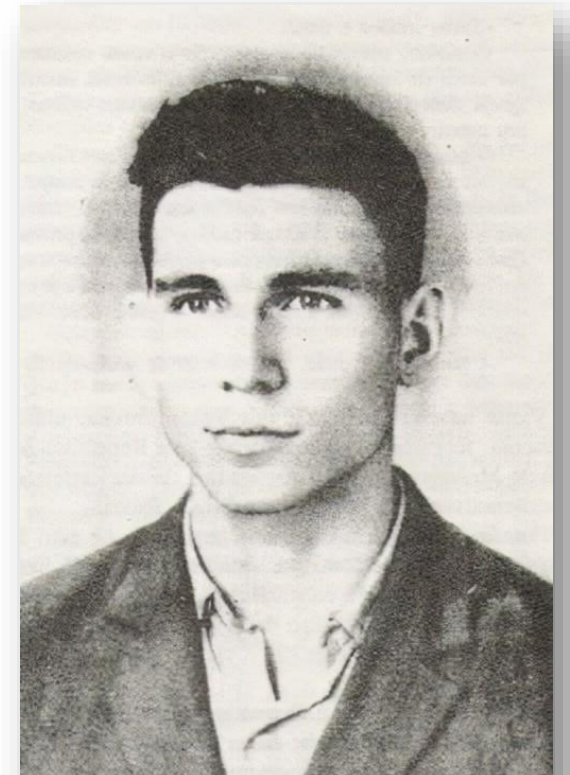
(Hebrews 12:2)



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...for whoever has suffered in the flesh
has **ceased from sin**
so as to live...
for **the will of God.**
(1 Peter 4:1-2)



Ivan (Vanya) Moiseyev

July 15, 1972 (to his brother, Vladimir)

Dear brother, I received your letter and am late in answering you because there was a great storm. When Sergei came, even he got it, and his literature and even post cards were confiscated.

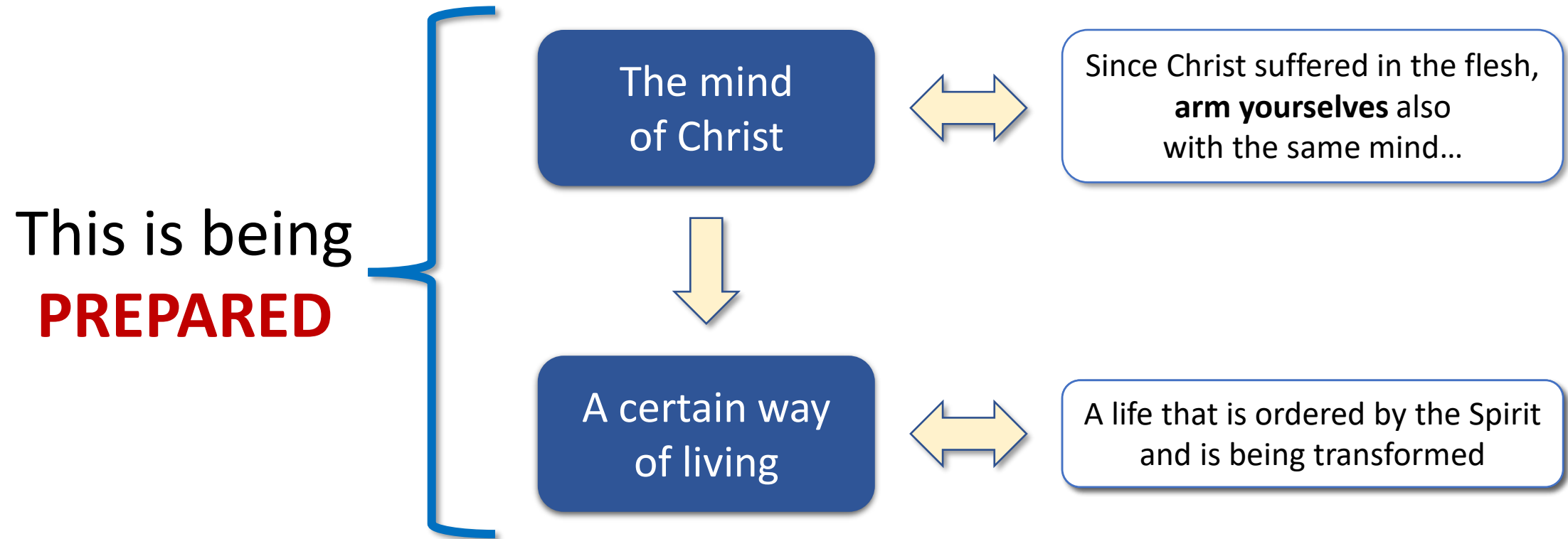
Don't tell our parents everything. Just tell them, "Vanya wrote me a letter and writes that Jesus Christ is going into battle. This is a Christian battle, and he doesn't know whether he will be back."

I desire that all of you, dear friends, young and old, remember this one verse. Revelation 2:10—"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Receive this, the last letter on this earth, from the least of the brethren.

Vanya

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A life that is ordered by the Spirit and is being transformed

✓ Be sane, sober
and prayerful

✓ Love one another
ferverently

✓ Show hospitality
to one another

✓ Use the gift God
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The end of all things is at hand; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your prayers.

(1 Peter 4:7)

Sane, self-controlled

Staying sober (ie not drunk)

Then Jesus told them a parable to show them **they should always pray and not lose heart.**

(Luke 18:1)

He [Jesus] would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

(Luke 5:16)

Pray without ceasing...

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- Prayer - a way of life.
- Substance, not form
- Personal, not ritual

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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

(Psalm 133:1)

And above all things have **fervent love** for one another, for ***“love will cover a multitude of sins.”***

(1 Peter 4:8)

Proverbs 10:12

“Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.”

By this all will know that you are my disciples...

(John 13:35)

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OPEN HEARTS

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Show hospitality to one another
without complaining.
(1 Peter 4:9)



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It is required of stewards that they be found faithful.
(1 Corinthians 4:2)

I have no need of you !?!

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(1 Peter 4:10)



There are varieties of gifts, but **the same Spirit**; and there are varieties of service, but **the same Lord**.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

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The words of God

Whoever speaks,
as one who speaks oracles of God;

whoever serves,
as one who serves by the strength that God supplies...

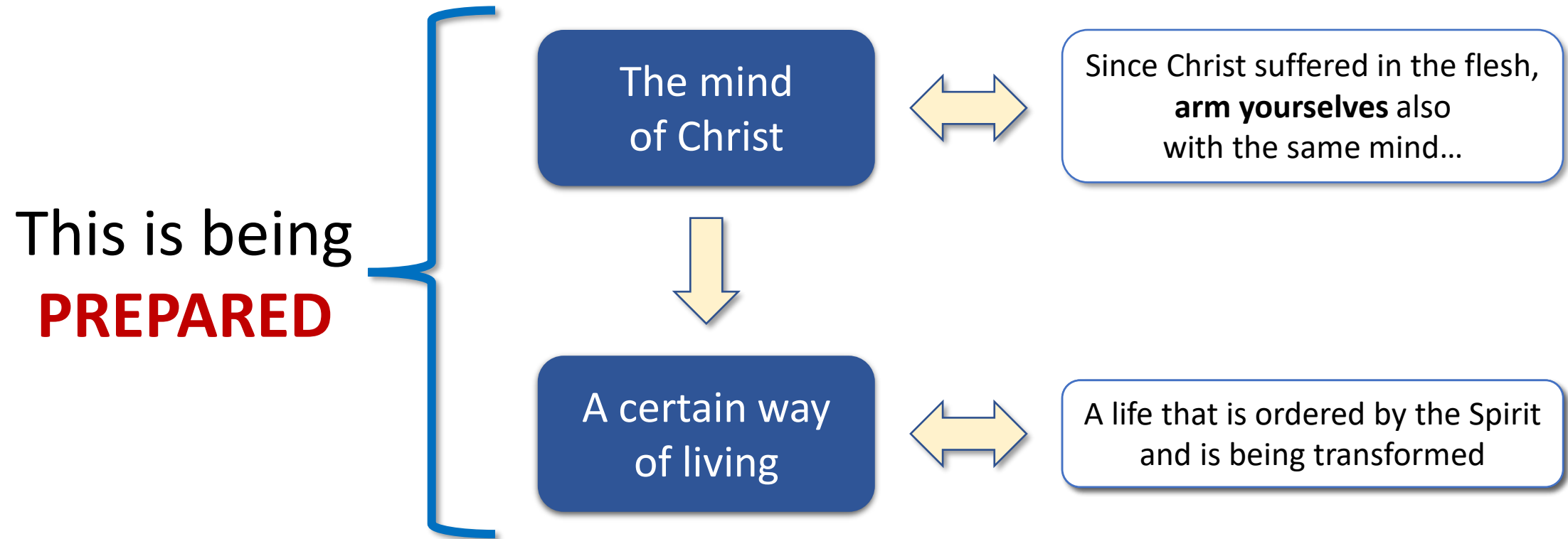
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