

The bald eagle is a symbol of strength and freedom and appears on money, flags, stamps, buildings and was the ancient hieroglyphic symbol which led to the modern A! For the Boy Scouts of America, the eagle is the symbol of community leadership.

**SCOUT MOTTO: "Be Prepared"** Amos 4:12



- c. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits" Col 3:1-25
- 2. We wait on the Lord by...
  - a. identifying with Jesus our Saviour. - John 20:24-29
  - b. memorizing and meditating on His word Ps 119:9-16
  - c. praying and trusting His promises John 15:7, Mt 21:22

**I. The Way of an Eagle in Salvation vs 1-6**

Ranks prepare the way for becoming an Eagle Scout! Job 33:27-30

- A. Heaven is a Prepared Place for Prepared People vs 1-3
  - 1. All people must prepare to meet God Rev 20:11-15
- 2. The eagle prepares her eaglets for flight Deut 32:11
  - a. The eagle stirs up the nest to make it uncomfortable
  - b. The eaglet is then pushed out of the nest to fly
  - c. If the eaglet fails, the eagle's wings catches him!
- 3. God prepares people to meet Him thru His messengers who share the good news (gospel) Mark 1:2-3
- 4. JESUS Christ, the Son of God is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world I John 1:1-2
- 5. We prepare by receiving JESUS as our Saviour Jn 1:10-13
- B. The Only Way to Heaven is JESUS vs 4-6 Acts 4:12
  - 1. Only JESUS died on the cross for our sins I Cor 15:1-4
  - 2. Only JESUS's shed blood forgives all our sins Eph 1:7
  - 3. Only JESUS rose again from the dead Heb 1:1-4, Rev 1:5

**SCOUT OATH: "On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."** Col 3:17, 22-24

**III. The Way of an Eagle in Service vs 12**

Service projects develop community leaders where Christ's light can shine! Mt 5:14-15

A. Eagles stay focused on their tasks Matt 28:24

- 1. The eagles work to together as a team
- 2. Their sharp eyes can spot prey at 200 yards
- B. Believing on JESUS produces servants Jn 12:26
- C. Greater works in this life come from communion with His Spirit. 2 Cor 13:14
  - 1. Great leadership comes from greater works
  - a. "Follow ME and I will make you fishers of men" Matt 3:17
  - b. "He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" John 14:12



**SCOUT LAW: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."** Gal 5:22-26

"Find the good in every child, then develop it!"  
BADEN POWELL  
FOUNDER OF SCOUTING

**II. The Way of an Eagle in Strength vs 7-11**

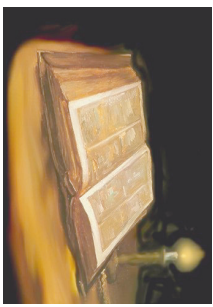
- A. Knowing JESUS is our Strength by... vs 7-9
  - 1. Forgiveness of sins in His resurrection - Phil 3:10
  - 2. Fellowship in His sufferings by witnessing - Phil 3:10
  - 3. Forsaking selfish aims for His glory - Phil 3:7-10
  - 4. Obedience to His word that produces His joy - Phil 4:13
  - 5. Humility in afflictions to receive His grace II Cor 12:5-10

B. Renewed strength comes when we learn to wait on the Lord by believing His word vs 10-11

- 1. We are lifted up by His power like an eagle! Isa 40:31
  - a. An eagle can only flap his wings about 60 MPH but he can glide over 100 MPH with outstretched wings!
  - b. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech 4:6
  - c. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" James 4:10



2 Pet 1:1-8  
**Merit Badges give knowledge that demonstrates character in power!**



"The entrance of thy words gives light" Psalm 119:130

- 2. Great light shines forth from great works! Mt 4:16
  - a. "He that wins souls is wise" Prov 11:30
  - b. "They that be wise shall shine ... they that turn many to righteousness ... " Dan 12:3
  - c. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt 5:16

**SCOUT SLOGAN: "Do A Good Turn Daily"** Eph 2:10

**TROOP VERSE: Then spoke JESUS again unto them, saying, "I AM the light of the world; he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12**