

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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We are governed by time. In some places all they ask is your birth date and that serves as an identifier. (Exception is twins etc.) **There is a time for every purpose under heaven.** And as long as we are “under heaven” we have to comply with time. The movements of the stars, planets and moon have been used as time keepers. And evidently they are quite accurate. I know one of them is solar powered.

- Man tries to harness that which God created and he would get further if he gave God the glory.

Someone said “life is made up of time don’t squander it.” The Bible says redeem the time for the days are evil. Our bodies presently are time regulated capsules for our eternal soul. And because of our vulnerable and frail physical nature we need sleep and exercise and food to exist in this life time.

Time is how we coordinate our meeting with others. Evidently we need time to get along in life, unless you are a hermit. There is a way to escape time and that is sleep. Then we enter another dimension but even that one has some references to time.

Because it is all we know; eternity for many is only a word with nothing to relate it to. We are told to lay hold of eternal life (1st Tim. 6:12) as if were something to grasp. Maybe the idea is get it fixed in your mind that you are an eternal creature and that we should look on the things that are not seen.

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

So how do we invest in that which won’t fade away in time? I have been reading in Ecclesiastes and the wise man was so distraught because everything he did in time seemed futile and vain. That is what life is like without a spiritual connection. Our time is consumed in working, entertainment, searching for meaning in life and then the clods (*dirt*). Back to the dust – then into eternity.

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

What do you know about that “change to come?”

Phil. 3:21; 1st John 3:2; 1st Cor. 15:51 - 54

And what are you doing in until then? 1st Peter 4:2 – **LIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD.**

Isn’t it a comfort knowing that when our appointed time is up, we have eternal glory awaiting; to do what you want, whenever you want, for as long as you want? There won’t be any tempter to suggest something contrary to God, there won’t be any fallen nature to misdirect you. There will be perfect harmony with God.

“FAITH A MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY” Mk. 4:35 – 41

Intro. **Commodity** 1. a) convenience, advantage b) something useful or valuable
2. an economic good: as a) product of agriculture or mining. b) an article of commerce

- Something that is valuable – faith is valuable

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1. Evidences of “no faith”
2. Causes of “no faith”
3. Uses of “faith”

Tonight at 5:00 Worship & Bible Time

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center (pray for this ministry)

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study (Daniel 2) & Prayer

Missionary of the week: “Baptist Couriers for Christ”

