

Times They are a Changing

Ephesians 5:14-20

Intro: The Bible says a lot about time:

The Fulness of Time Gal. 4:4

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

The Time of Refreshing Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Time of Judgement Acts 17:31

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Time of Salvation 2 Cor. 6:2

For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

I. Time Cannot Change Some things

- A. The Way of Salvation
- B. The Word of God
- C. The Work of the Holy Spirit

II. Time Can Change Some Things

- A. Friends - Paul, Barnabas, and Demas

- Barnabas:* Introduced the former persecutor to the Apostles (Acts 4:36)
Trusted by the Apostles to report on the Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost (Acts 11:22)
Was one of two missionaries called by the Church at Antioch (Acts 13:2)
Traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys (Acts 13:7)
Attended the Jerusalem council with Paul
Left Paul after an argument over taking John Mark on the 2nd journey with them (Acts 15:37)
Reconciled with Paul (1 Cor. 9:6)
- Demas:* Fellow laborer with Paul (Philemon 1:24) 65 AD
Loved the present world, wasn't willing to risk his life by standing with Paul (2 Tim 4:10) 68 AD

B. Families - Ps. 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

C. Finances - Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I the

D. Future - Ps. 50:15 Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

III. Things We Should do with Time

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| A. Repent - | The Lord is at hand Phil 4:5 |
| B. Remember - | In Times Past Eph 2:2 |
| C. Redeem - | The Days are evil Eph 5:16 |
| D. Resolve - | Not to Walk as Others Eph 4:17 |