

Redeeming The Time

How is the Christian's view of time different from that of the world?

Introduction

- What is time?
- Webster dictionary says it is a measurable period
- But, what is time from the biblical perspective?
- Two words for time
 - Chronos – passage of time
 - Kairos - opportunity

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Admonitions About Time

Eph 5:14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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Admonitions About Time

Col 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

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Introduction

- Practically, what is time to me?
- How can we make the most of (redeem, buy back) our time as we are commanded to do?
- Lesson designed to motivate us to use our opportunity wisely for His purpose

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Time In General – From Beginning To Last Day

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Rev 22:5 And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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Three Different Views of History – Passing of Time

- Meaningless, disconnected, random events not related to one another
- History is repeating cycle of rising and falling of nations
- Bible – history is moving toward great climax purposed by God before creation

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We Are Living In The Last Days

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

Gal 4:5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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We Are Living In The Last Days

Heb 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

Heb 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

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What Is Time To Me?

Job 14:1 "Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil.

Job 14:2 "Like a flower he comes forth and withers. He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.

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What Is Time To Me?

Psa 90:10 As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is *but* labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.

Psa 90:11 Who understands the power of Your anger And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?

Psa 90:12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

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What Is Time To Me?

Jas 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

Jas 4:14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

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How Can We Redeem Our Time?

- Note the following steps that will help us know how to buy back or redeem our time
- Will take effort on our part and change that with the Lord's help, we can and must make

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Recognize God's Purpose For Us

Ecc 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to* every person.

Ecc 12:14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

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Be Devoted To The Lord To Fulfill His Purpose For Us

Mat 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

Mat 6:23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

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Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Col 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

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Col 3:10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him--

Col 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

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Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Col 3:14 Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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Overcome Distractions From Serving God

Luk 10:38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

Luk 10:39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.

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Overcome Distractions From Serving God

Luk 10:40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

Luk 10:41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

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Overcome Distractions From Serving God

Luk 10:42 but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

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Do Not Despise The Present

Php 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Rearrange Our Priorities

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Do We Make Time For The Following?

- Studying and mediating on His Word
- Sharing the gospel with others
- Praying
- Actively working and worshipping together with a local church
- Teaching family privately in the Lord
- Now, things that may stop us from making the most of our time

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Death

Heb 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,

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Jesus' Coming

1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

1Th 5:6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

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Loss of Mental and Physical Health

2Ti 4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

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Hardness of Heart

Eph 4:17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

Eph 4:18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

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Hardness of Heart

Eph 4:19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Let Us Make The Most of Our Time

1. Recognize God's purpose for us
2. Be devoted to the Lord to fulfill His purpose for us
3. Overcome distractions from serving God
4. Do not despise the present
5. Rearrange our priorities