

Redeeming The Time v3

How should Christians view and use time?

Time begins and ends with God

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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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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Two words for time

- Chronos – passage of time
- Kairos - opportunity

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The word chronos – passage of time

Joh 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."

Joh 14:8 Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

Joh 14:9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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The word kairos – opportunity

Gal 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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What is time to us?

- Practically speaking, our time is that measurable period of life between our birth and our death
- Relative to eternity, our time is brief

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Our time is brief

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.

Psa 39:4 "LORD, make me to know my end
And what is the extent of my days; Let me know how transient I am.

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Our time is brief

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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Our time is brief

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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We must redeem (make the most of) the time God has given us

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.

Eph 5:16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (NKJV)

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Be devoted to the Lord to fulfill His 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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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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Be devoted to the Lord to fulfill His purpose for us

Rom 13:11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

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Be devoted to the Lord to fulfill His purpose for us

Rom 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

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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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Prioritize His kingdom and His righteousness first

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

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We must make time to do these things

1. Studying mediating and applying His Word
2. Sharing the gospel with others
3. Praying
4. Actively working and worshipping together with a local church
5. Teaching family privately in the Lord
6. Serving one another providing for spiritual and physical needs

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Death will stop us from redeeming the time

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

Heb 9:28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

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Jesus' coming will stop us from redeeming the time

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 will stop us from redeeming the time

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

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Hardness of heart will stop us from redeeming the time

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 will stop us from redeeming the time

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

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