

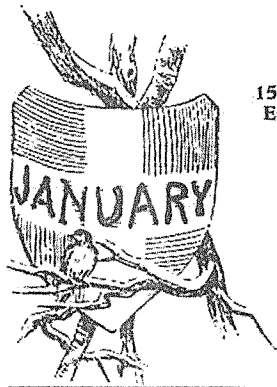
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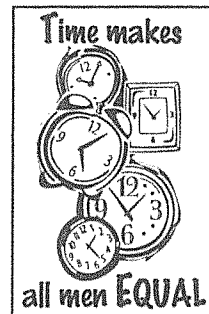
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Games or God ?

Seeing all the time, money, energy and devotion given to professional football teams this time of the year, it is sad to see so many people where this is their main source of excitement and joy. They have chosen 'games' over God's eternity! This emphasis on professional sports is an evidence of just how empty people's lives really are! Why people get so emotionally worked up and take it so personally is beyond explanation. Many of these 'games' are on the Lord's Day when people should be in church! It's shameful that some 'pastors' even use this fan devotion to get an emotional response in the church services, 'Hey, how about those (fill in the blank)?!' Whereas there is little or no similar response when important Bible doctrines are preached; i.e., the blood of Christ, salvation in Jesus Christ, His second coming as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, the perfection of God's Eternal Word, etc. Sad? No, it's worse than that! It's a willful rejection of the Lord replaced by a worldly and carnal substitute. "For what shall it profit a man if he shall win the super bowl, and lose his own soul?"



What, exactly, is Time?

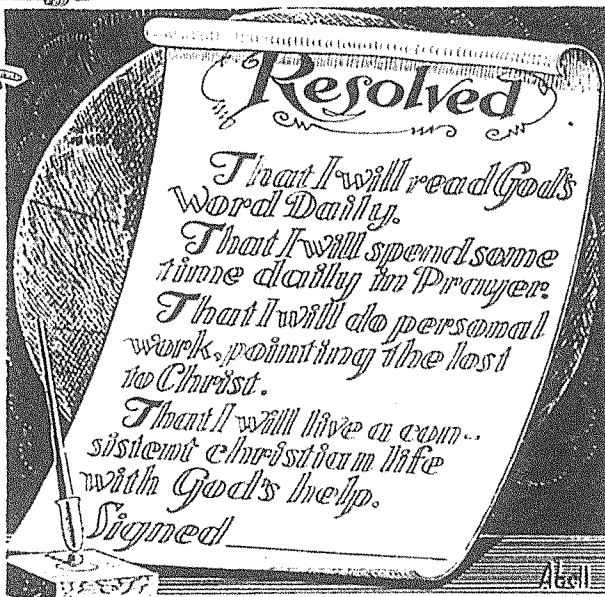
Man has never yet technically answered this question despite thousands of years of reflection upon the definition and nature of time. John Wesley defined time as a 'fragment of eternity broken off at both ends.'

This description is appropriate because it recognizes not only the confines of the past, present and future, but also the reality of eternity.

Although we may not be able to adequately understand the nature and physics of time, we do know several of its characteristics: it is inelastic; it dominates and controls our lives; it is measurable; it is irreversible; it is limited.

Our time on earth is a grace gift from God, and we are responsible for every second we live. We will one day give an account of whether we have spent our time or invested it. Time is life's most valuable commodity. Therefore, as good stewards of the time entrusted to us, we must wisely use our time that God has given us on this earth."

- Matt Costella, FOUNDATION



What Detailed Prophecies Prove

"Despite the fact that the world is full of spiritual texts by multitudes of religious writers*, a close examination of this literature reveals that not one of these texts contain detailed prophecies that have been fulfilled. The reason is quite simple: Since no one but God can know the future accurately, religious philosophers who wrote other texts were wise enough to refrain from attempting detailed prophecies which would quickly prove their authors to be in error. (Isaiah 44:6-8)."

- Grant R. Jeffrey, 'The Signature of God' (* Nostradamus, A.D. 1555; Edgar Cayce, etc.)

"Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am last; and beside me there is no God.

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses: Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any." (Isaiah 44:6-8)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

January 6th, The FIRST Lord's Day
Service for the New Year!

Quotes

"Watching TV is training yourself not to read."

"In order for something to become clean something else must become dirty."

"Pastors, husbands, Christians,
we're not the boss, we're the leader!"

"Choices are important because of the outcome."

"An ungodly society will revert itself
into a jungle."

"No one's in hell today because they rejected
Salvation, but because they rejected Christ."

"No one can live a Christian life
until he has a Christian life to live."

"What if there were no hypothetical questions."



"The Word of God
has a Double work;
to Teach us
and to Judge us.
Those who will not be
Taught by the Word
shall be Judged
by the Word."
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"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way. and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein", Jeremiah 6:16

NOW!

All of Eternity
is dependent on
what you do
NOW!



The 'TEN MOST WANTED' List

"Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station. While there, they saw pictures tacked to a big bulletin board, reading,

"The TEN MOST WANTED."

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it was the photo of a wanted person.

'Yes', said a policemen, 'the detectives want him very badly.'

So little Johnny asked, 'Um, mister, why didn't you just keep him when you took the picture?'

Christian Zeal

'a compound of love and anger'

"Grace turns a saint into a seraph. It makes him burn in holy zeal. Zeal is a mixed affection, a compound of love and anger. It carries forth our love to God and anger against sin in the most intense manner. Zeal is the flame of the affections; a godly man has double baptism— of water and fire. He is baptized with a spirit of zeal; he is zealous for God's honor, truth, worship: 'My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.'

(Psalm 119:139).

It was a crown set on Phineas' head that he was zealous for his God;

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phineas ... hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace."

(Numbers 25:13).

Moses is touched with a coal from God's altar and in his zeal he breaks the tablets

(Exodus 32:19).

Our blessed Saviour in His zeal whips the buyers and sellers out of the temple 'The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up' (John 2:17). Zeal makes the blood rise when God's honor is impeached. He who zealously loves his friend cannot hear him spoken against and be silent. The more outrageous the wicked are against the truth, the more courageous the godly are for it. What strangers they are to godliness who have no zeal for the glory of God!" – Thomas Watson,

'The Godly Man's Picture'

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

Archaeology

"Contemporary archaeological discoveries always affirm the historical Biblical record."

The GOSPEL

"The word 'Gospel' literally means 'good news' and occurs 93 times in the Bible."

Signs of the Times

"Fewer Americans now smoke cigarettes since records began. Only 14% of adults reported smoking in 2017, down from 15.5% the year before, and 42.4% in 1965." - copied

Black Friday Spending

"This year a record \$6.22 billion was spent online on Black Friday – including \$2 billion via smartphones." - copied, 'Times'

'Disciple' "The word *disciple* occurs 269 times in the New Testament. The word *Christian* is found three times." – copied

'NEVER MENTIONS' in the Bible ...

- [] In the Book of Acts, which includes the works of the apostles in the first century church, God's *Love* is never mentioned;
 - [] in the writings of Paul, *hell* is never mentioned;
 - [] in the gospel of John, *repentance* and Jesus as *Saviour* is never mentioned;
 - [] in the book of Romans, Jesus as *Saviour* is never mentioned, only Jesus as Lord.
- (Interesting thoughts, but remember that they are written as doctrine in other places in the Bible!)

DISPENSATIONAL DIFFERENCES

"Another example is *Matthew 10:5-15*. Here Christ sends out His disciples to preach, but note the following restrictions: (1) They were to preach only to Jews (v. 6). (2) They were to preach that the kingdom of Heaven is at hand (v. 7). (3) They were to do miracles (v. 8). (4) They were not to carry any money or extra clothes (v. 9-10). (5) They were to carry no weapons (a staff). This is directly contradictory to the commands given later in the New Testament.

Later Christ Himself commanded His disciples to preach to all men (*Matthew 28:18-20*), to preach the gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection rather than the kingdom of Heaven is at hand (*Mark 16:15*), to carry both money and a sword (*Lk. 22:35-26*), and there is no command to do miracles.

What is the difference between these accounts?

The difference is that they are spoken under different dispensations. In *Matthew 10*, Christ was sending His disciples out to proclaim to Israel that their Messiah and King was present. That is the meaning of the message they preached, saying, "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It was at hand because the King was standing right there! Thus in *Matthew 10* the messengers were to preach only to Jews, were to do miracles to demonstrate that the Messiah had come as foretold in the prophets, were not to provide anything for themselves because it was just a short period of time and they were operating under the direct earthly supervision of the Messiah. Later, after Israel had rejected Christ, He began to prepare for the church age and the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In the church age, the program of God changed."

- David Cloud, 'Study the Bible Dispensationally', 12/4/18

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January 2019

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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What 'Might-have-been' Regrets

"You must never regret what might have been. The past that *did not happen*, is as hidden from us as the future we cannot yet see." - copied

God's Word 'is'! "For the word of God *is* ...", Hebrews 4:12

God's perfect and preserved Word 'is' here today, for us!

It is always spoken of in the present tense, 'is'. We can believe it is as perfect as when God first gave it by inspiration. God's Word cannot have errors in it! If it's really God's word it has to be perfect, without error, or it cannot be God's Word – That means that today, we still have God's Word – perfect and without any mistakes. Read it, believe it, trust it, obey it!

Psalm 12:6,7, Luke 21:33, I Peter 1:23, 25, II Peter 1:19-21,

Walking Backwards?

"The Kingdom of God is no place for a man with his face pointed one way and his feet the other.

God is not taking people to heaven backwards."

- Vance Havner

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

- James 1:8