

“THERE IS A SEASON”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;


8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. (NKJV)

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- www.defendthegospel.com
 - 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
 - 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
 - Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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AT GETHSEMANE

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Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray Just before He was betrayed by Judas and arrested by the chief priests and elders of the Jews (Matthew 26:36-46). The most memorable thing about this account is that the apostles kept falling asleep after Jesus had told them to watch and pray. We also remember Jesus being torn between his fear of what was to happen to Him, and doing His Father’s will. He made it clear he would do God’s will. Let’s learn from this story the following seven lessons...

- **Jesus In Not The Father: Jn 17:1; Jn 10:30; Jn 12:49**
- **Jesus Was Human: Lk 2:52; Php 2:5-8; He. 2:17-18; He 4:14-15; Jms 1:13; 1 Ti. 2:5**
- **Prayer Is Essential: Lk 11:1-9; Lk 18:1-8; Eph 6:18-19; Col 4:3; Jms 5:16**
- **God’s Will Comes First: Mtt 6:33; Ga 2:20; Jn 4:34; Jn 7:16-17; Prov 3:3-5**
- **Alertness & Prayer Guard Against Temptations: Eph 6:18; Col 4:2; 1 Pt 5:8**
- **We Must Redeem The Time: Eph 5:15-16; Col 4:5; Jn 4:10; Gal 6:10**
- **Not All Repetition In Prayer Is Sinful: Mt. 26:44; Mk 14:39; Mtt 6:5-8**

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BARRIERS TO FRUIT BEARING

David Eldridge

We must bear the “fruit of the Spirit” (Gal. 5:22-23). However, there are many things that can be barriers to bearing fruit. What are some barriers to bearing fruit?

Not Walking In The Spirit: When we fail to walk in the Spirit (i.e. walking in the precepts the Spirit has revealed in the word), we cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16). Those who do not walk in the Spirit will be found walking “according to the dictates of their own hearts,” failing to please the Lord (Jer. 9:14). Those who do not walk in the Spirit will not bear the fruit God requires.

A Failure To Crucify The Flesh: Paul taught, “those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:24). When one fails to crucify the flesh, they continue to be led by the flesh instead of by the Spirit (Gal. 5:17). Such will do the works of the flesh (sin) and “not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21). To bear fruit, we must have crucified the old man of sin in repentance and baptism that we might be dead to sin, no longer its slave (Rom. 6:6, 11-13). We “put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” Why? To bear the Spirit’s fruit, and “because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience” (Col. 3:5-6). Those who fail to crucify the flesh will not bear the fruit required by God.

A Lack Of Grounding: In explaining the parable of the sower, Jesus said, “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles” (Matt. 13:20-21). No fruit is borne by those who have no root. Because they are not grounded, just about anything kills them spiritually. To bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must be “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:7). How can we be grounded? Paul said that the Lord “is able to establish” us “according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ” (Rom. 16:25). Therefore, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Pet. 2:2). Are you grounded,

established in the faith that you might bear the fruit of the Spirit? Those who are not grounded will not bear the fruit God demands.

The Distractions Of This World: Again, in Jesus’ explanation of parable of the sower, He said, “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity” (Lk. 8:14). The cares of this world will prevent one from bearing fruit for the Lord. It happened to Demas. Once noted as a faithful servant of the Lord and companion of Paul, Paul later wrote, “Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Tim. 4:10). The reason why the pursuits of wealth, concerns, and pleasures of this life will keep one from bearing fruit for God is that “no servant can serve two masters” (Lk. 16:13). To be friendly to the things of this world is to be the enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). If we hope to bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must “not love the world or the things in the world...” (1 Jn. 2:15). Are you distracted by the pursuits, pleasures, and riches of this world? If so, you need to change your focus. Those who are distracted by the things of this world will not bear the fruit necessary to have eternal life. -

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Proverbs 16:9-16
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Tim Thompson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Jeff Isbell

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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