

## OUR TIME IS SHORT!

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Ephesians 5:1-17

INTRODUCTION: I hope you are excited about the New Year we are about to enter into. We have the message of life for this world of death. When anyone receives Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior He gives them new birth, which leads to a new nature which leads to a new way of living. And someday soon that will lead to a new body with which we will live in the New Heaven and the New Earth with our Lord forever. But right now I want to talk with you about how short our time on this earth is: 1 Corinthians 7:29. All around us we see change and change that is becoming more rapid than ever. However, man has not changed: Jeremiah 17:9. And to this very day man cannot understand even his own heart. Jeremiah 17:10. Mankind's needs have not changed: man still needs a purpose for life. Man still needs a power outside himself that only Jesus can provide. God has not changed: Malachi 3:6; Psalm 90:2. Salvation has not changed: It is still through the blood of God's Lamb!

### I. THE SHORTNESS OF OUR TIME!

Time seems to be going faster all the time. Psalm 39:5; Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8. The older we get time seems to move faster, not slower: Psalm 90:10-12.

### II. THE URGENCY OF TIME!

The Word of God not only tells us our time is short it also speaks to us about the urgency of our time. Ephesians 5:15-16. When we listen to the news we really can appreciate how evil our days are. We are told to redeem the time. That means there is a price to pay in order to live our lives the way our Lord wants us too. Ephesians 2:1-3. Are you redeeming the time of your life for God's glory? Our Lord Jesus set an example for us at a very young age of redeeming the time: Luke 2:41-50. There was no rush in Jesus' life but there was an urgency. John 4:35.

### III. THE MESSAGE OF TIME!

Time can teach us some lessons that nothing else can teach us. When we pass through yet another year we need to take time to reflect on how we spent our time and how much we did that our God called us to do. When we take time to reflect on how we spent our time we can move forward for the glory of our God in the New Year! We cannot change the past but we can learn from the past. Time teaches us the need for sincere repentance. True confession and repentance means change. Proverbs 28:13-14; Philippians 3:12-14; Matthew 6:14-15. Joshua 24:15. Would that be a good resolution for this next New Year of 2026 for each of us to make? This New Year could be a year of revival; a year of pressing on to being all that God has called us to be. This could be your year to be born again. If you wait until you can live the Christian life you will never get saved because only Jesus Christ living in and through you can really live a life that is worth of God: John 15:5. Our time is short and the time is now to trust Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2.